



Water Smart Level 3 – Years 3 and 4

Aquatic Environments – Rivers, Lakes and Dams Activity Sheet 5 – Short Stories

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- copy it and write a conclusion that ensures the main character stays safe.

Nine-year old Henry is on an annual family holiday at a river-side campground.

As it gets late, the family tidies up and starts to prepare dinner. Henry is left with nothing to do. He decides to head down to the river and jump in the rubber dinghy that has been left on the edge of the water.

The river has a slight current and all of a sudden the boat starts to move off the embankment. Before Henry can do anything, the boat is out in the middle of the river and is moving downstream. Henry can see the oars and life jackets (that should have been in the boat) up on the riverbank. Henry is scared.



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Twelve-year old Nicola loves her family's Christmas trips. They enjoy the hot summer by going water skiing and wind surfing at Lake Eppalock.

Nicola watches people water ski on the lake as she impatiently waits her turn.

Bored, Nicola spots a discarded wind surfer on the edge of the lake. She looks around, her father is driving the boat and her mother is talking to a friend. Unnoticed, Nicola confidently jumps onto the wind surfer without a lifejacket and heads for the middle of the lake.

Nicola struggles to keep the sail upright in the strong wind and choppy water. She starts to panic when she realises she cannot get back to shore. All Nicola can do is hold on to the board and yell for help.



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Jason lives on a farm. He is sixteen and loves riding his motor bike. One Saturday afternoon, Jason takes off on his bike without telling anyone what he is doing, where he is going or when he will be back. Jason thinks he will be fine as he has ridden a motor bike many times and is quite confident in his skills.

He decides to ride through the paddock to the dam not far from his home. He accelerates, kicking up dust and rides around the top of the dam as fast as he can. Suddenly, Jason loses his balance, tumbles from the bike and falls down the embankment of the dam. His head hits the ground and he blacks out before falling into the water.



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