

The Ocean Adventure

The Silkworms were a very special family. There was a mother, father, sister, and brother, and they all lived in a cocoon made entirely of silk. The mother and father worked for the local silk company. They worked in the hot, dark factory all week. But the Silkworms had a secret that only they knew about. The silk they made was magical. Their silk cocoon could fly them all over the world in seconds.

Every weekend the Silkworms would travel to some new, fun location and explore. Their cocoon could even go underwater! This weekend the Silkworms were going to a coral reef. They imagined all the fish and neat underwater creatures they might see. The sister, Anna, wanted to see a starfish more than anything. She just could not imagine anything more exciting to see than a starfish. The brother, Derek, wanted to see a shark. But not just any shark, he wanted to see a Great White shark. He had seen a picture of one in school and was so thrilled to see one in real life. The mother and father were excited to see all the fish.

That Friday they packed all their bags for the trip. The cocoon was waterproof so they didn't worry about that. They all brought swimsuits and cameras. They wanted to leave that night to get there as soon as they could. Since their home was magic, they could travel very fast. It would take hardly any time to reach the reef.

The parents loaded the kids into the cocoon. They made them put on their seatbelts and told them to hold on. The kids knew what to do and hopped in and buckled up. This was going to be a great trip. The dad started up the magic cocoon. He yelled, "Hold on tight, we'll be there in just a moment!" Within seconds, the family was at the reef. It was beautiful.

As they moved around underwater, they were all amazed at how pretty it was. There were fish of all colors. The mom was thrilled that there were so many beautiful fish. It was unlike anything she had ever seen before. It was really neat that there were so many different looking fish. No two looked the same. It was terrific to see them swimming around. For a moment she wished she could swim like they did.

The cocoon kept moving. They felt so lucky to have a home that could go underwater. It was also a great idea that the dad added windows so they could see outside. He was such a smart worm! The windows were, of course, magic too. All around them they could see colorful plants. They were blue, green, yellow, purple and red. Some were even more than one color. In the middle of all the plants Anna saw her starfish.

Anna smiled so big when she saw the starfish. "Hey look!" she said, "Its five legs and bumpy skin are so cool. It is just like I thought it would be. Well, maybe it's just a little smaller than I imagined it would be. But it is still very exciting." She thought the starfish was so lucky that it could stay underwater and see all the things that were in the reef. When she looked

around a little more, she saw dozens more starfish. They were attached to rocks, other starfish, and coral. It was a terrific sight to see. Anna just could not imagine a better place to visit.

Derek was starting to get a little sad that they hadn't seen a Great White shark. He read that sharks like reefs because there are so many fish for them to chase there. "Do you think maybe the sharks are hiding?" he asked his mom. She wasn't sure. Then Derek asked his dad to go into the cave up ahead to see what was in there. His dad wasn't sure that was a good idea. When he got closer, though, he didn't see anything scary in the cave. He decided to go inside.

They slowly made their way into the cave. It was very dark. Only the lights from the cocoon lit their way. Inside the cave were lots of fish and other sea creatures. They were a little surprised to see the cocoon inside the cave, but they didn't swim away. Just then, the mom noticed a very large fish near the other end of the cave. It was out in the reef, but on the other side. As they got closer to it, they could all see just how big it really was. It had to be at least 15 feet long. That is much bigger than a little silkworm cocoon! They were starting to get a little scared when Derek suddenly yelled, "Look! It's a Great White shark!" Now they were all really scared.

The father did not know what to do. He didn't want to keep moving closer to the shark. He also didn't want to turn back the other way and make the fish scared. If they scared the fish, the shark might see them and attack them! Derek was very happy to see the shark, but he was starting to get a little worried. He knew that sharks could be dangerous.

Then a fish screamed, "SHARK!"

All the hundreds of fish started swimming away and crashed right into the cocoon. The shark saw the lights on the cocoon and started to come after them. The fish were swimming away and bumping into them even more. The dad tried to make the cocoon use its magic and take them back home, but it wasn't working. "One of the fish must have broken something," he said. "I can't get the cocoon to work." The shark was getting closer and closer. They were all screaming. They hoped the dad could get the cocoon to work.

The dad saw a little hole in the side of the cave. He quickly dipped into the hole to hide and turned off the lights. They sat quietly as the shark swam by searching for them. It was looking all around to see them. The dad kept trying to use the cocoon's magic and take his family back home. The shark saw the dust coming from the hole and swam towards it. He spotted the family and charged. The shark was only a few feet away from them when they disappeared. The shark ran into the cave wall. He was very confused.

Moments later, the family appeared back home. They were all very happy to be home but still a little scared. Their trip turned out to have a little more action than they planned. They

could not believe that they were almost eaten by a Great White shark. It had been so close to them before the cocoon worked. They were very lucky to have gotten away.

After a few more minutes, the family began to calm down. They unpacked their cocoon and put everything away that had fallen out of place during the trip. The father checked the outside to see what damage had been done to the cocoon. There was a small chunk of the outside missing. It must have been scratched off in the cave or by a fish. The mom and dad started to work on fixing it so they would be ready for next weekend's adventure.

1. What secret did the Silkworm family have?

- A. They all lived in a silk cocoon.
- B. The silk they made was magical.
- C. The parents worked in a hot, dark factory.

2. How long did it take the family to reach the coral reef in their cocoon?

- A. Just a few seconds.
- B. Just a few minutes.
- C. More than ten minutes.

3. How did the story end?

- A. The parents were fixing the cocoon to be ready for another trip.
- B. The shark ran into the cave wall, and the Silkworms got away.
- C. The family got home safely and unpacked the cocoon.

4. What was the best part of the trip for Anna?

- A. She got to see a shark.
- B. She got to see dozens of starfish.
- C. She got to see hundreds of fish.

5. What did the parents tell the children to do when they got into the cocoon?

- A. Make sure they had all their travel bags.
- B. Sit next to the window to see better.
- C. Put on seatbelts and hang on.

6. What gave the shark a hint about where the cocoon was hiding?

- A. He saw the cocoon go into the hiding place.
- B. He saw dust coming from the hiding place.
- C. He saw fish swimming all around the hiding place.

7. What will the family probably do the next weekend?

- A. Stay home to rest from the shark scare.
- B. Stay home and fix the cocoon.
- C. Go on another exciting trip.

8. What happened right after the fish yelled, "Shark!"?
- A. The dad couldn't make the cocoon work.
 - B. Fish swam away and crashed into the cocoon.
 - C. The shark started to look for the cocoon.
9. What saved the family from being eaten by the shark?
- A. The cocoon suddenly disappeared.
 - B. The dad drove the cocoon into a cave.
 - C. The shark couldn't see the cocoon in the cave
10. What showed that the Silkworms were a very close family?
- A. They all lived together in the cocoon.
 - B. Both parents worked at the silk factory.
 - C. They went somewhere fun every weekend.
11. What made the dad decide to go into the cave?
- A. He didn't see anything in the cave that looked dangerous.
 - B. It was part of the family plan to have an adventure.
 - C. He was curious about what was in the cave.
12. What is this story mostly about?
- A. All the things a family did together.
 - B. How a family made trips in a cocoon.
 - C. A family that survived a dangerous trip.
13. What was the dad like when he had to deal with the shark attack?
- A. He got scared and forgot how the cocoon worked.
 - B. He made good decisions and tried to protect his family.
 - C. He got confused and scared when he tried to get away.
14. What was a problem when the Silkworms were trying to get away?
- A. Dad forgot how to make the cocoon do its magic.
 - B. The shark could swim faster than the cocoon could go.
 - C. Something happened to the cocoon so it couldn't do its magic.
15. What probably made Derek want to go into the cave?
- A. He thought it was a good place for sharks to hide.
 - B. He thought it would be fun to explore the cave.
 - C. He wanted to see what it was like in a cave.
16. What was the biggest problem in the story?
- A. The fish bumped into the cocoon.
 - B. The cocoon's magic wouldn't work.
 - C. The shark wanted to eat the family.

- 17. What probably caused the cocoon's magic to stop working?**
- A. Dad forgot how to make the cocoon work.
 - B. The outside of the cocoon got damaged.
 - C. The cocoon didn't work well when it was dark.
- 18. What could be said about how the family dealt with this adventure?**
- A. The mom and children counted on the dad to save the family.
 - B. The mom and children counted on magic to save the family.
 - C. The children had good ideas about what had to be done.
- 19. What probably attracted the shark to the cocoon?**
- A. The lights on the cocoon.
 - B. The fish yelling, "Shark!"
 - C. The shark was hungry.
- 20. When did the shark decide to go after the cocoon?**
- A. Right after it saw the cocoon.
 - B. Just before it went into the cave.
 - C. Right after it saw the lights on the cocoon.