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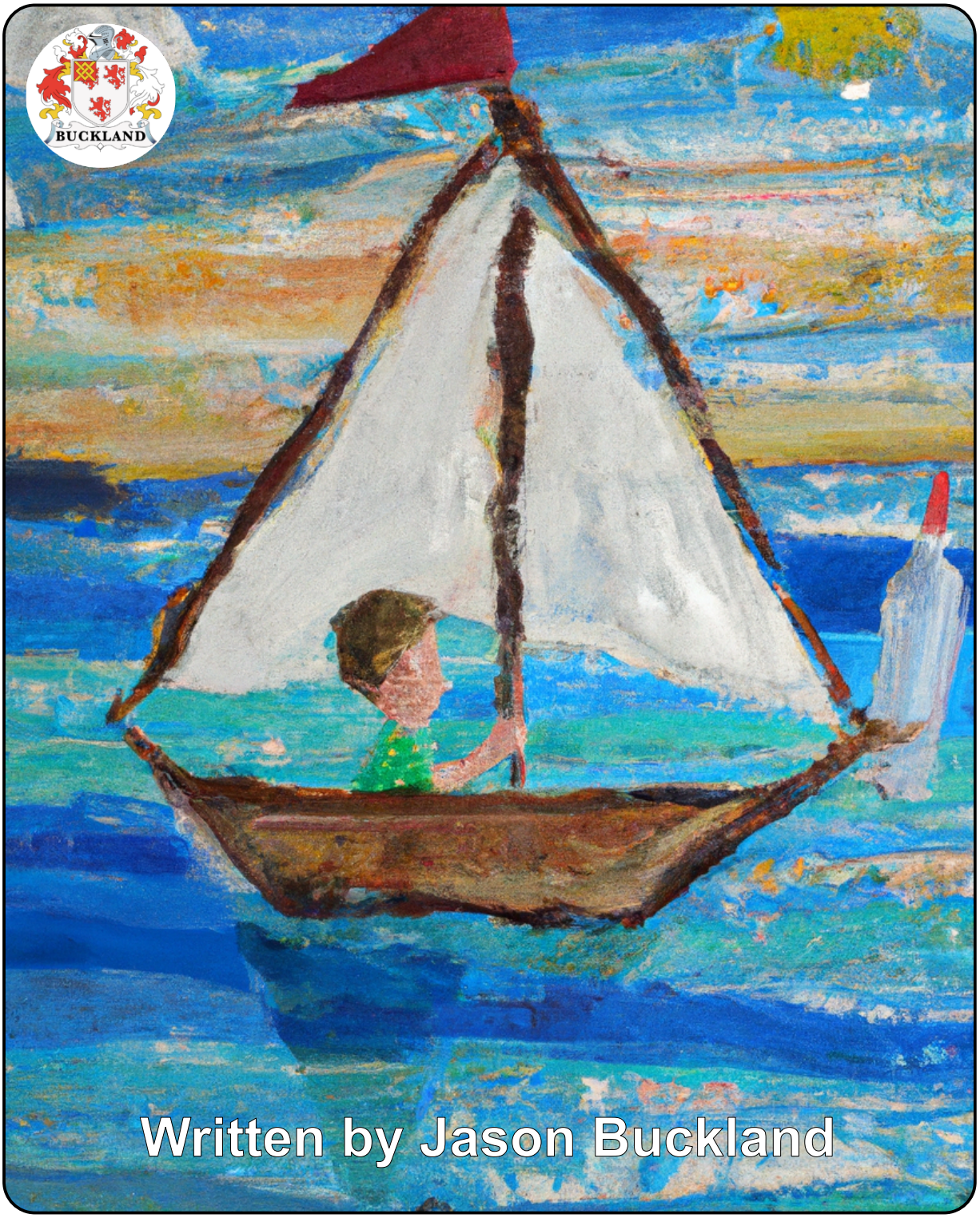

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Focus Question

What were some of the biggest challenges Max faced on his journey around the world in a toy boat, and how did he overcome them?

Words to Know	
majestic	**adjective** Having or showing impressive beauty or scale **'The majestic Canadian Rockies'**
adventurous	**adjective** Willing to take risks or to try out new methods, or experiences **'The adventurous traveller'**
seasick	**adjective** Suffering from sickness or nausea caused by the motion of a ship at sea **'She felt terribly seasick on any small boat'**
vast	**adjective** Of very great extent or quantity; immense **'A vast forest full of orchids'** **noun** A very, very big space

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Once upon a time, there was a boy named Max who had a big dream. He wanted to sail around the world, but unfortunately, he couldn't afford a real boat. So, he decided to build his own boat - a toy boat!

Max spent several weeks designing and building his toy boat. He used all sorts of materials he found at home, like plastic bottles, popsicle sticks, and even an old shower curtain for the sails. He painted the boat with bright colors and added a small cabin for himself.

When the boat was ready, Max set sail from his hometown on the east coast of the United States. He waved goodbye to his family and friends and set out into the vast ocean. His parents were worried about his safety, but Max was determined to make his dream come true.

The first few days were tough. The waves were high, and the wind was strong. Max's boat was tossed around, and he felt seasick. But he refused to give up. He held on tight and kept sailing, hoping for better days ahead.

As days turned into weeks, Max encountered all sorts of challenges.

He had to battle storms and strong currents, navigate through thick fog, and even fight off a few sharks. But he also saw incredible sights along the way - colorful schools of fish, playful dolphins, and majestic whales.

Max made stops in different countries, where he met new people and learned about different cultures. He even learned a few new languages along the way. He wrote about his adventures in a journal and took pictures with a small camera he had brought with him.

Finally, after more than a year at sea, Max saw land on the horizon. He had sailed around the world in his toy boat! He couldn't believe it. As he sailed into his hometown, he was greeted by a crowd of cheering people. His parents hugged him tightly, proud of their adventurous son.

Max's journey had taught him that anything is possible if you set your mind to it. He had achieved his dream, not with a big, fancy boat, but with a small toy boat and a big heart. He knew that he would never forget his incredible journey, and he hoped that it would inspire others to follow their dreams, no matter how big or small.

Comprehension Questions

What did Max use to build his toy boat?

a. Wood and metal
b. Paper and glue
c. Plastic bottles and popsicle sticks
d. Rocks and sand

What did Max do to combat his seasickness during the journey?

a. He took medication
b. He ate ginger candy
c. He drank alcohol
d. He didn't do anything

What was the most memorable marine animal Max encountered on his journey?

a. A jellyfish
b. A shark
c. A dolphin
d. A sea turtle

What did Max use to navigate during his journey?

a. A compass and a map
b. GPS technology
c. The stars and the sun
d. He didn't use any navigation tools

What did Max learn about different cultures during his journey?

a. That all cultures are the same
b. That his own culture is superior to others
c. That each culture has its own unique customs and traditions
d. That he didn't learn anything about other cultures

Comprehension Questions

How did Max communicate with people in foreign countries?

a. He hired a translator
b. He used a phone app to translate
c. He learned to speak different languages
d. He didn't communicate with people in foreign countriesWhat did

What did Max do when he encountered a storm during his journey?

a. He abandoned ship and swam to shore
b. He lowered his sails and waited out the storm
c. He continued to sail through the storm
d. He called for help on his radio

What did Max record in his journal during his journey?

a. His favorite movies and TV shows
b. The food he ate every day
c. His experiences and observations during the journey
d. His dreams at night

What did Max's family and friends think of his plan to sail around the world in a toy boat?

a. They were supportive from the beginning
b. They thought it was a foolish and dangerous idea
c. They didn't believe he could do it
d. They were indifferent

What did Max learn about himself during his journey?

a. That he was afraid of the ocean
b. That he was not very adventurous
c. That he was capable of achieving his dreams
d. That he didn't enjoy traveling

Reading Levels Comparison Chart

LEXILE RANGE	**810L-1000L**
FLESCH-KINCAID GRADE	**5.46**
CEFR LEVEL	**C1+**

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Comprehension Answers

1. c. Plastic bottles and popsicle sticks

2. b. He ate ginger candy

3. d. A sea turtle

4. c. The stars and the sun

5. c. That each culture has its own unique customs and traditions

6. b. He used a phone app to translate

7. b. He lowered his sails and waited out the storm

8. c. His experiences and observations during the journey

9. b. They thought it was a foolish and dangerous idea

10. c. That he was capable of achieving his dreams