

ENGLISH

Chapter 19
Session B

1st
SECONDARY

HEROES




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Helicomotivacion



A newspaper article

1  **Work in pairs. Answer the questions.**

- 1** What jobs help other people? (doctor, police officer ...)
- 2** Which three jobs do you think help people most? Why?

2 Look at the photos on p87 and answer the questions.

- 1 What was the weather like?
- 2 What problems do you think people had?
- 3 What jobs are important in these situations?

1. It was wet, with a lot of rain.

2. It was difficult to go. It was impossible to use a car or bus. There was water in the houses.

3. Rescue workers, nurses and doctors, police officers.



3 Read the article quickly and circle the best headline.

A

Police officers help people after storm

B

TEEN HEROES RESCUE NEIGHBORS

C

The people of Texas – the real heroes!



Houston, Texas • April 25th

When Hurricane Harvey came to Texas, it destroyed houses and roads. About 30,000 people left their homes before the storm, but others stayed. They didn't have drinking water or **electricity**, and they couldn't go outside because the streets were like rivers! In those difficult times, the **brave** Texan people helped each other, and many ordinary **citizens** became local heroes.

Among them were four teenage boys: 17-year-old Thomas Edwards and his friends, Richard, 17, Liam, 17 and his brother Declan, 15.

The boys spent hours rescuing their neighbors.

Thomas told journalists that he woke up that morning and saw houses under water. His car was under water too, but luckily, he had a small fishing boat. He called his friends and they decided to go out in the boat.



They began to look for people and take them to a **safe** place. Sometimes they heard calls for help. Other times, **neighbors** gave them addresses, or directions to the homes of family and friends.

For several hours, the boys worked alone, going from house to house. Later, they helped police officers and **rescue services**. In total, they saved at least 50 people, and even more pets. 'We rescued families, babies, dogs, rabbits,' said Thomas.

A photographer for a local newspaper saw the boys, and he posted photos of them on social media. People wrote comments, calling them heroes. Later, the boys said they didn't do it because they wanted to be heroes. They just wanted to help.

For us, they are true local heroes!

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4  45 Read and listen to the article and answer the questions.



- 1 Where was the storm? **Texas.**
- 2 What problems did people have after the storm? **They didn't have drinking water or electricity, and they couldn't leave their homes.**
- 3 Who were the teenage heroes?
His friend Thomas Edwards, Richard and Liam, and his brother Declan.
- 4 How did they rescue people? **In a small fishing boat.**
- 5 How many people did they rescue? **More than fifty people.**
- 6 Did they only rescue people? **No, they didn't.**

5 Read the text again. Complete the sentences.

- 1 When Thomas woke up, he saw that houses were under water.
- 2 He used his boat because his car was under water, too.
- 3 Thomas and his friends went to houses when they heard calls for help.
- 4 At first, the boys rescued people alone.
- 5 After several hours, they also worked with police officers and rescue services.
- 6 People called the boys heroes after a photographer took photos of the boys and posted them on social media.

6

Word work

Find the words in bold in the text. What type of words are they? Can you guess their meaning?

Electricity (noun)

Safe (adjective)

Brave (adjective)

Neighbors (noun, plural)

Citizens (noun, plural)

Services (noun, plural)

8 Complete the sentences with words from exercise 6.

- 1 We can't use the computers today because there's no electricity.
- 2 I'm not afraid to go out at night. I live in a safe place.
- 3 You must be brave to go to a new country alone.
- 4 We saw one of our neighbors at the concert.
- 5 The citizens of Texas are called Texans.
- 6 There are rescue services to help people who get lost in the mountains.

7 Match the definitions to the words in bold.

- 1 an adjective to describe a place or situation that is not dangerous _____
- 2 people who live in a town or city _____
- 3 an adjective to describe a person who does something in a dangerous situation _____
- 4 organizations that help people in dangerous situations _____
- 5 people who live near you _____
- 6 energy that makes light or machines work _____

electricity