

Activity Name: “Rescuing Tavin text (Past Simple)”

SDG focus: SDG 17

Aims

- To make listening activity, emphasizing the pronunciation.
- To make them think and reflect on the specific points in the text.
- To foster dynamic communication with some feedback.
- To understand the meaning of the Past Simple.
- To raise awareness on SDG 17.

Language focus

- Listening, comprehension and speaking.

Level: A2

Age: 12-13

Time: 17 minutes

Preparation

- Photocopy the story (*).

Procedure

- The teacher gives the text to the students and they read the tale together.
- SDG 17 is introduced and there is a short opinion debate on it.
- Students have to find the Past Simple and match the previous verbs with their infinitive form. They have to do this exercise in their notebooks.
- After recognising the verbs, the teacher reads sentences about the story. The students have to say if the sentence is true or false.

Sentences:

Tavin was a lively and playful dog. (T)

It was a cold night by the quay of Mexico (F)

Allqui went fishing because he was bored (F, to help his family)

They went fishing together because the dog was sad (T)

Allqui pushed Tavin out of the caballito de totora. (F)

Tavin was full of gratitude when he was rescued (T)

- An extract of the tale is read so the students can say the name of the character related to that extract.

Find who:

“He was a kid who was always gone fishing” (Allqui)

“He used to go into the sea with his caballito de totora” (Allqui)

“He always got sad when he watched Allqui going into the sea” (Tavin)

“He was happy at the beginning and then something worried him” (Allqui)

Additional resources

(*) “Rescuing Tavin”, from *Much more than the Andes... Tales from Peru*:

On a sunny afternoon by the quay of Huanchaco, Allqui was playing with his best friend Tavin, a lively and playful dog. Allqui was a kid who has always gone fishing since he was little to help his family. He used to go into the sea with his caballito de totora where he could put all the fish he caught. One day at dawn Allqui decided to take Tavin with him in the caballito de totora to go fishing because the dog always got sad when he watched Allqui going into the sea.

That morning the fishing was very good and Tavin and Allqui started to celebrate by jumping on the caballito, and suddenly, without realising Tavin fell out the caballito de totora. Allqui, became very worried and desperate because his dog could drown and float further from the boat, he started to ask for help from his friends that were by the seashore. He whistled and they came to help him on their own caballitos de totora.

After sailing among the waves they arrived where Tavin was and with a net they got to save him and took him to safety. Tavin was full of joy and started to lick them as a sign of gratitude.

Since that day Tavin was more careful with the sea, he only went in if necessary and preferred to stay by the shore to keep an eye on Allqui fishing.

