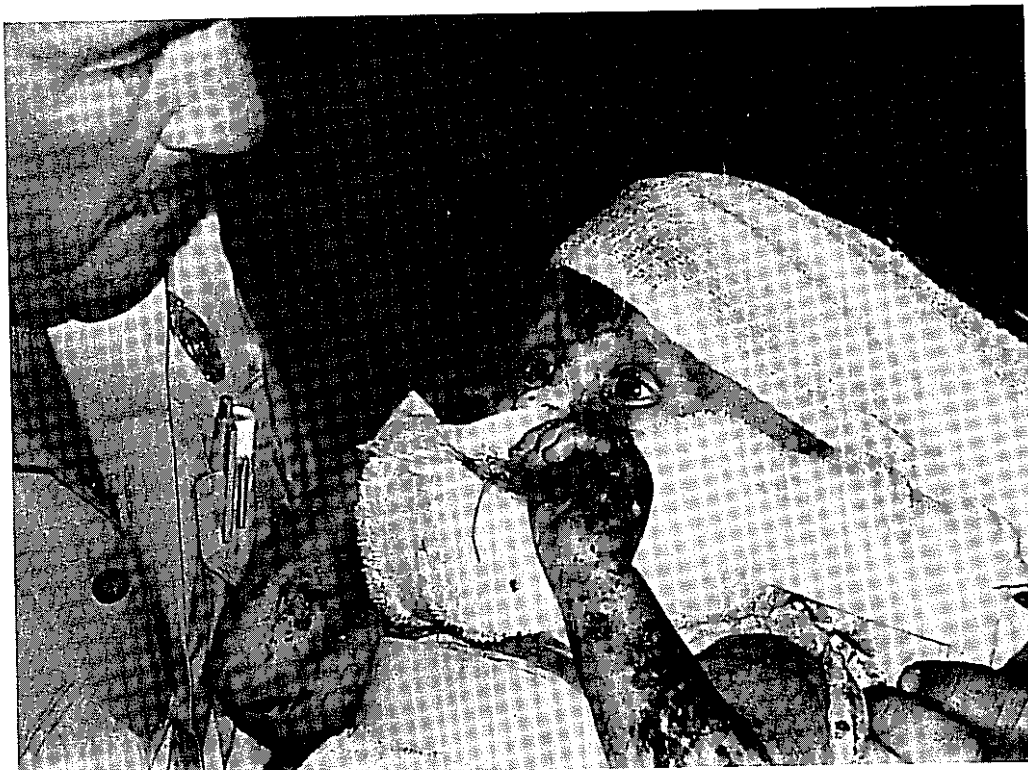

UNIT 8



1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- Why is the man holding the little girl?
- What happened to her?

Everybody's Baby

AT a day care center in Texas, children were playing outside. One of the children was Jessica McClure. She was 18 months old. Jessica's mother, who worked at the day care center, was watching the children. Suddenly Jessica fell and disappeared. Jessica's mother screamed and ran to her.

A well was in the yard of the day care center. The well was only eight inches across, and a rock always covered it. But children had moved the rock. When Jessica fell, she fell right into the well.

Jessica's mother reached inside the well, but she couldn't feel Jessica. She ran to a phone and dialed 911 for help.

Men from the fire department arrived. They discovered that Jessica was about 20 feet¹ down in the well. For the next hour the men talked and planned Jessica's rescue. Then they told Jessica's parents their plan.

"We can't go down into the well," they said. "It's too narrow. So, we're going to drill a hole next to the well. We'll drill down about 20 feet. Then we'll drill a tunnel across to Jessica. When we reach her, we'll bring her through the tunnel. Then we'll bring her up through our hole."

The men began to drill the hole at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, October 14, 1987. The men had a

difficult job; they were drilling through solid rock. Two days later, on Friday morning, the men were still drilling. And Jessica McClure was still in the well.

During her days in the well, Jessica sometimes called for her mother. Sometimes she slept. Sometimes she cried, and sometimes she sang.

All over the world, people waited for news about Jessica. They read about her in newspapers and watched her rescue on TV. Everyone worried about the little girl in the well.

At 8 P.M. on Friday, October 16, men reached Jessica and brought her up from the well. Two paramedics rushed her to the hospital. Jessica was dirty, hungry, thirsty, and tired. Her foot and forehead were badly injured. But Jessica was alive. A doctor at the hospital said, "Jessica is lucky she's very young. She's not going to remember this well."

Maybe Jessica will not remember her days in the well. But her parents, her rescuers, and many other people around the world will not forget them.

After Jessica's rescue, one of the rescuers made a metal cover for the well. On the cover he wrote "To Jessica, with love from all of us."

¹6 meters

2. VOCABULARY

Which words have the same meaning as the words in the story? Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- The men said, "We can't go down into the well. It's only eight inches across. It's too *narrow*."
 - big
 - small
- The men said, "We're going to *drill* a hole next to the well."
 - make
 - look at
- Jessica had to go to the hospital because her foot and forehead were *injured*.
 - small
 - hurt
- Jessica's *rescuers* will not forget her days in the well.
 - the children who played with Jessica
 - the men who saved Jessica

3. COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEA

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. This story is about
 - a. day care centers in Texas.
 - b. the rescue of a little girl.
 - c. drilling wells.
2. The story has a happy ending because
 - a. Jessica was very young.
 - b. Jessica was in the well only two days.
 - c. the men rescued Jessica.

UNDERSTANDING DETAILS

Read the sentences. One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. Jessica McClure was 18 ^{months} ~~years~~ old.
2. A well was in the kitchen of the day care center.
3. When Jessica fell, she fell right into the water.
4. Jessica's mother ran to a phone and wrote 911.
5. The men said, "We're going to drill a cover next to the well."
6. The men had a difficult job; they were drilling through soft rock.
7. At 8 P.M. on Friday, men reached Jessica and brought her down from the well.
8. Then paramedics rushed her to the restaurant.
9. A doctor at the hospital said, "Jessica is lucky she's very old."
10. After Jessica's rescue, a worker made a metal rock for the well.

UNDERSTANDING TIME RELATIONSHIPS

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

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| 1. ____ When Jessica fell, | a. she slept, cried, and sang. |
| 2. ____ When Jessica's mother reached inside the well, | b. they brought her through the tunnel and then up through their hole. |
| 3. ____ When the men from the fire department arrived, | c. she couldn't feel Jessica. |
| 4. ____ When Jessica was in the well, | d. she fell right into the well. |
| 5. ____ When the rescuers reached Jessica, | e. they discovered that Jessica was about 20 feet down in the well. |

4. DISCUSSION

Think about these questions. Discuss your answers with your classmates.

1. Did you watch Jessica's rescue on TV or read about it in the newspaper? How did you feel?
2. Jessica's mother dialed 911. What number do you dial when
 - there is a fire?
 - you need an ambulance?
 - you need the police?
3. Have you ever rescued anybody? Have you ever seen a rescue? Tell your classmates about it.

5. WRITING

Read this story. It is in the present. Write the story again in the past.

Jessica is playing at a day care center. Suddenly she falls into a well. She falls about 20 feet and can't get out of the well.

Men from the fire department come. They can't go down into the well because it is too narrow. The men decide to drill a hole next to the well.

For the next 58 hours, the men drill the hole. Their job is very difficult because they are drilling through solid rock. Finally, they reach Jessica and bring her up from the well. Jessica's foot and forehead are badly injured, but she is alive. Everyone is very happy.

Jessica was playing at a day care center.