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The Golden Seal

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1.1 what's the book about?

Talk about the animals in these pictures. What do you think?

- 1 What are their names in your language?
- 2 What do you know about these animals? Where can you find them?



1.2 What happens first?

Look at the pictures on pages 1 and 2 and at the words in bold. Then put the right words in these sentences.

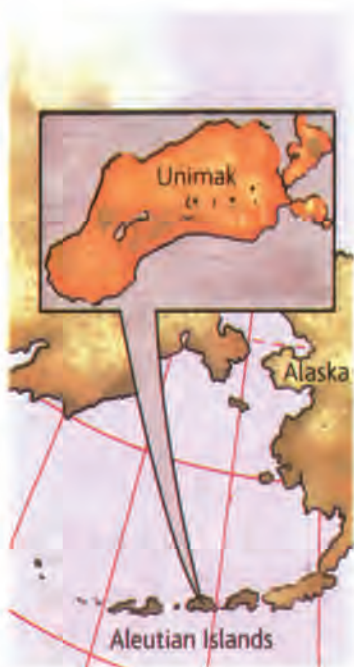
- 1 Unimak is
a person / an animal / a place
- 2 The story starts in
the morning / the afternoon / the evening
- 3 The man works
on an island / in a town / at an airport
- 4 The man and the woman live in
an apartment / a big house / a small house
- 5 The man and the woman are
happy / frightened / angry

A Big Storm

*Tania put her face in her hands. "Oh, no. No. No."
With a noise like a big, angry animal, the storm arrived.*

Unimak is one of the Aleutian Islands, near Alaska. It is a small, cold island—a difficult place for people. For many years there were no people there.

Then, one day, an American man and a young Aleutian woman moved to the island and called it home. They **shot** rabbits and bears for food. There were salmon in the rivers, too. A little boy arrived and the family was happy. The three of them all watched for an animal from Aleutian stories—the beautiful golden seal. They looked every day for a golden seal, but they didn't see one.



One late summer evening, Jim Lee walked down to the **beach**. At this time of day, rabbits usually played in the **sand dunes** and there were wild geese in the sky. But this evening the island was very quiet. There were no rabbits in the sand dunes and no geese in the **sky**.

island /'aɪlənd/ (n) We stayed for two weeks on an *island* in the Pacific Ocean.

shot /ʃɒt/ (v, past of **shoot**) He is at the police station because he *shot* a man.

beach /bi:tʃ/ (n) Let's go to the *beach* and swim in the ocean.

sand dune /'sænd dʌn/ (n) Let's play in the sand. Behind the beach there are tall *sand dunes*.

sky /skaɪ/ (n) Look at the airplane, up in the *sky*!



A big storm is coming, Jim thought.
He quickly went back to his small house.
“There’s going to be a big storm,” he said
to Tania and their eight-year-old son, Eric.
They closed the door and the windows,
and waited for the storm.

Aleutian summers weren’t usually hot,
but that night it was very hot. Tania was
frightened. Aleuts didn’t like storms. In
old Aleutian stories, no good came from them. Tania didn’t sleep all
night. She **sat** at the open door and watched the ocean.

In the morning, the ocean was a dark green color.

“Let’s go down to the river and look for salmon,” Jim said.

“Can I stay here, Father?” Eric asked. “I want to play.”

“OK,” Jim answered. “But listen, Eric.
There’s going to be a big storm. Stay near
the house. Do you **promise**?”

Eric promised.

Hand in hand, mother and father went
to the river. They looked for salmon all
morning, but they didn’t find any.

Early in the afternoon, the sky went
very dark.

“Quick,” Jim said. “Let’s go.”

Hand in hand again, Jim and Tania
started to run back home.



storm /stɔ:rm/ (n) In a *storm*, there is a lot of noise and the rain is very heavy.
thought /θɔ:t/ (v, past of think) I *thought* about the question for a long time.
frightened /'fraɪtnd/ (adj) I don't swim because I'm *frightened* of water.
sat /sæt/ (v, past of sit) She *sat* down and watched TV.
promise /'prɒmɪs/ (v/n) I *promise* to give your money to you tomorrow.

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American English
Contemporary

One night, away from his family, Eric finds a golden seal. A lot of men want to shoot golden seals for their beautiful fur. Eric's father is one of those men. And then Howard Crawford arrives in a boat. What does he want? Eric loves the seal. He wants her to live. But what can he do?

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