

UNIT 4 ANSWERS: Check your punctuation

The Storm

It was a sunny day when Della and Ben set off on their boat for the island. “I’m getting hungry already,” said Ben, eyeing the picnic basket.

As they approached the island, a few clouds gathered on the horizon. “I hope it doesn’t rain,” said Della.

By the time they landed and were eating their lunch, the clouds were close and a strong wind had whipped up.

“We should head back,” said Della.

Ben looked out at the sea. “No, I don’t like the look of the water.”

“Don’t be silly,” said Della. “If we stay here we’ll get drenched.” She threw the basket into the boat and pushed it out into the waves.

“No, Della!” shouted Ben. He tried to hold the boat back, but the waves pulled it away. Ben knew that he couldn’t let Della go back alone. He jumped into the boat and grabbed the lifejackets.

“With the two of us rowing we have a chance!” he yelled, pulling on his lifejacket and thrusting the other one at Della.

But he didn’t know how big the waves would be. It wasn’t long before a huge wave rose like a sea monster beside them and crashed onto the boat, filling it with water. Ben was pushed under the waves. He saw the picnic basket tumble past and a flash of Della’s yellow top. Without thinking, he reached out and grabbed Della’s arm.

Ben bobbed to the surface, and pulled Della up with him. She spluttered for air.

“Hold on to me,” he called as he started to swim.

After what seemed like hours, he finally felt the touch of the sand beneath his feet. “You saved us, Ben!” exclaimed a relieved Della. “I’ll never forget it. Thank you.”

Self-assessment

My punctuation is:

OK

Improving

Good

Great