

## The Challenge

*Lauren and Callum are brother and sister who are always arguing and challenging each other. Can you tell what this challenge is all about ?*

**Callum:** I dare you to go first !

**Lauren:** Why should I ? I always have to go first, you never do .

**Callum:** That's a lie, I go first more times than you.

**Lauren :** Oh yeh ? Well what about that horrid dinner we had the other night..... you didn't want to eat it but I did.

**Callum:** Octopus ??!! It was gross !

**Lauren :** I tried it first.

**Callum :** Then you spat it out ..... you didn't think I saw, did you ?

**Lauren:** Well I still went first, you're just a scaredy-cat .

**Callum:** Who went first on to the stage at the Basil Brush show. In fact I don't think you even went up , so don't call me a scaredy-cat .

**Lauren:** I wasn't scared, I put my hand up but they just didn't pick me.

**Callum :** That's not true, you never put your hand up .

**Lauren :** I did, anyway you looked really stupid up there on the stage with all those little kids.

**Callum:** You're just jealous because I got a goody bag with a neat hat and you didn't.

*( Lauren didn't like to be reminded about that so she changed the subject back to what they were doing now.)*

**Lauren :** Go on , I dare you to go first.

**Callum:** I dared you first. You're just frightened about doing something dangerous.

**Lauren :** I don't mind doing something dangerous, I climbed out of that quarry quicker than you.

**Callum:** That's only because you're older than me.

**Lauren :** What's that got to do with it ?

**Callum:** You're bigger, you've got longer arms than me so you can reach the hand holds better.

**Lauren:** You were bragging that you could climb better than me, and I beat you !

**Callum:** What about the swimming competition we had, I beat you well and good.

**Lauren :** That's because you cheated.

**Callum:** No more than you did !

**Lauren :** You knocked my goggles off and pushed me under.

**Callum:** That's because I got off to a better start than you, so what did you do ? You pulled my swimming trunks down.....that was right embarrassing .

**Lauren :** I didn't mean to, you were wearing those silly baggy shorts and my hand caught them.

*( Lauren smiled at the thought of her brother's embarrassment. )*

**Callum:** Look, here comes another wave, go on, go !

**Lauren:** No, you first.

**Callum:** You're just too frightened you'll get wet.

**Lauren :** What about you, you don't want to get your precious hoody wet.

**Callum:** I'm going to take it off and leave it here.....there now I'm ready, what about you ?

**Lauren :** I'm leaving my coat on, it's waterproof. Go on then , if you're ready.

**Callum:** No, I challenged you first.

**Lauren:** You did not.

**Callum:** I know what your problem is !! You don't want to get your hair wet !

**Lauren :** Get real . My biggest problem is you. Go on , here comes another wave.

All you have to do is run under it before it comes down. Look , those other boys are doing it.

*(They were standing by the harbour on a windy day. Waves were crashing over the harbour wall and some teenage boys were running in and out from under the waves before they came crashing down. Some boys were slow and got thoroughly wet.)*

**Callum:** Ok, if you are so scared I'll go first.

*(A new wave came rose up the harbour wall. Callum dashed towards it , ran alongside the wall and then out before the wave came down with a roar on to the harbour road. He came running back to Lauren, gasping for breath.)*

**Callum:** Did you see that ? That was the biggest wave yet !

**Lauren :** It wasn't that big.

**Callum:** Go on, it's your turn now.

**Lauren:** I'm waiting for a big wave.....

*(Just at that moment a huge wave came up.)*

**Lauren :** Okay , here goes.....

*(Lauren dashed towards the wave. She ran under it but was slow in turning around to come out and the water crashed down onto her. When she got back to Callum he was laughing hysterically at her.)*

**Lauren:** It's not funny , I'm soaked through !

**Callum:** I thought you said your coat was water proof.

**Lauren:** For a light shower, not a deluge.

**Callum :** Come on, let's go again, you're wet anyway so it won't matter if you get wet again.

*( The two children waited for the next wave. This time they ran together towards the wave. They were both too slow and the full force of the wave came tumbling down on top of them. Lauren came running out from under the wave. Lauren was laughing , wiping salt water from her face.)*

**Lauren:** That was great.....Callum?

*( When she could see properly she realised that Callum was not beside her. She waited for the spray from the wave to subside. There was no sign of Callum.)*

**Lauren :** Callum .....where are you ?

*( She ran to the side of the harbour wall but couldn't see him. She moved back to avoid another wave and stood there, holding Callum's hoody, wondering where he was. )*

**Thinking About the Text**

1. Who ate the octopus first ? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why was Lauren jealous about Callum going on stage ? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What were the weather conditions like on the day ? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Describe where they are ? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What is the '*challenge*' ? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Why is this a very dangerous challenge ? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How do we know that they like dangerous challenges ? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How do you think Lauren is feeling , standing there holding Callum's hoody and Callum no where in sight ?

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**Common Spelling Mistakes****your you're****your** : means something that belongs to you....eg. That is **your** football.**you're** : is short for **you are** .....eg. If **you're** ready we'll go now.**Put in the correct word for these sentences :**

1. "I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ playing at ," said Claire.
2. Put \_\_\_\_\_ bag over there.
3. Isn't that \_\_\_\_\_ Mum over there ?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ such a liar , I know you did it.
5. If you give me \_\_\_\_\_ pound then I can get the ice-creams.
6. I don't know where \_\_\_\_\_ going to find a new hat .

**Find four examples of *you're* in the play and write them here:**


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**Write two sentences of your own using the word *your* .**


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Conversations : **The Challenge**

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### **Using a Thesaurus**

In the play boys were **running** under the waves . Use a thesaurus to find other words you could use :

*dashing*

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Try to find at least two alternatives to each of these words :

**frightened** :

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**dangerous** :

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**precious** :

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Choose one word from each pair and write a sentence using it :

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