



Indicative A response

Comic connections 2

Year 7

English

Section 1. Transform a comic into a narrative — planning

Information for teachers: The responses given in Planning the narrative provide evidence that indicates students' understanding of the relationship between audience, subject matter, purpose and text type, which can be used to support judgments about the quality of student learning.

Planning the narrative



Section 2. Transform a comic into a narrative — writing

Writing the narrative

The surfer

by Aliikai

The first thing my folks snapped when I said I was going to Hawaii for the international surfing championships was, “pack a helmet”.

Surfing is dangerous and Hawaii is infamous for rocks hiding beneath the waves ready to knock you out cold. I’ve lost count of how many times I’ve been dumped by gnarly surf over the years. After a few heavy slams it all becomes one big trip.

It all started back when I was only a young pup. I learnt how to surf with the help of my mentor, Stacy Rocco. She was a number one surfer in her day and she taught me my gig. Stacy never gave up on me, even when it looked like I wouldn’t amount to much. She always pumped me up when I needed it most. I’d hear her yell, “don’t give up!” just when I was saying to myself, “I’ll never get this”.

It wasn’t long after I stood on my board for the very first time that I had one of my most serious down times. I was really only an amateur, but I was feeling pretty pleased with myself just before a wave crashed down on me and torpedoed me headfirst into a rock. I hit my head and was out cold. The next thing I knew I had my folks and Stacy staring down at me. I was hooked up to machines and had tubes in places I didn’t know tubes could go. My mum was sobbing, “oh my goodness, oh my goodness!” and warning, “don’t think you’re ever surfing again!” I remember hearing my dad say, “that’s it, from now on you’re wearing a helmet”. “WHAT? No Way!” I moaned. Not only did I have a cracker of a headache, my folks were in panic zone. My mate, Stacy, came to my rescue again. I remember her explaining, “Aliikai will be stronger now because of this”. Slowly my folks came round to her way of thinking.

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I was back in the surf in no time, but it took another 10 years before I was no longer considered a newbie and was fit to enter any surfing championship. It was so cool to reach my goal, but I've got to give my parents some cred as they said I was a winner long before I won the Hawaii International Surfing Championship.

I've learnt that surfing is unpredictable. Waves have all sorts of tricks. When you hit a rock or get dumped by a rip, it's just like hitting concrete. SLAM! But the waves pull you back to the big blue every time. There's nothing like riding a wave and hearing the thunder of the surf. Coming back for more punishment is a risk, but I'm prepared to take it. Of course you've got to be careful, but there's no way I'll be wearing a helmet!