

Name _____

Read the following story and answer the questions below.

The Real Hero

Last year, I was flying home from Chicago after a business trip. I was excited to get home to my family after being away for a whole week. I got to the airport early to wait for my flight.

It was a bright, sunny morning as the plane took off. After about three minutes, I noticed something that was very scary. There was a big fire on the wing of the plane. Everyone in the plane was very nervous. Nobody was talking.

The flight attendant came on the speaker and said we would be landing. She told us the landing would be hard, so we needed to brace ourselves and hold on tight. She sounded very brave, but her face looked worried.

I was bracing myself and trying not to panic when there was a big thud. The plane had hit something. I found out later it was the river. We were very lucky to be alive.

There was another passenger next to me who seemed very dazed and confused. I grabbed her hand and pulled her with me towards the emergency exit. The next thing I knew, we were standing on the wing looking at the river.

When the rescue boat pulled up to take us to the shore, I hugged the fireman and thanked him for saving my life. He told me to thank myself and the captain, because we were the real heroes that day.

I was so happy to see my family when I finally got home. I told them all the story about the plane landing in the river, and we all agreed that I was very lucky to be alive. Thank goodness for the brave people on that plane.



