

Ida Lewis

Review Key Words⁶

- capsized** Capsized means tipped upside down or turned over.
- lighthouse** A lighthouse is a tower with a strong light on top to guide ships and warn them of danger.
- in distress** In distress means in trouble or in an unsafe situation.
- rescue** A rescue is the act of saving a person or thing from danger.



Read the Story⁷⁻⁹

6 A boat **capsized** in Newport Harbor,
 13 Rhode Island. Four men fell into the
 20 cold water. From the **lighthouse**, a girl
 26 was watching. She jumped into her
 34 boat and **rowed** out to sea. She saved
 42 all four men. This **rescue** was the first
 51 of many for Ida Lewis. She was only a
 58 teenager, but she had started a **career**
 that would make her famous.

63 Ida's family had moved to Newport
 69 Harbor's Lime Rock lighthouse in the
 75 1850s. Her father was the lighthouse
 81 **keeper**. When he fell ill, Ida and her
 89 mother took over his work. They kept
 96 the light burning. They also kept watch
 103 for people **in distress**.

107 Ida worked at the lighthouse her
 113 whole adult life. During that time, she
 120 made many rescues. Once, she rescued
 126 three men and their **prized** sheep.
 132 Another time, she rowed out into a
 139 storm to save two soldiers. For her
 146 brave work, Ida received the Gold
 152 **Lifesaving** Medal. She was the first
 158 woman in America to get this medal.

165 Many people went to the lighthouse
 171 to meet Ida. Even the President went!
 178 Some people called Ida "The Bravest
 184 Woman in America."
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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Ida Lewis became famous for making many rescues at sea.
 - b. Ida Lewis saved some men when she was a teenager.
 - c. Ida Lewis received the Gold Lifesaving Medal.
2. How many men did Ida save during her first rescue?
 - a. three
 - b. four
 - c. two
3. What does the word **keeper** mean in this story?
 - a. a person who watches or operates something
 - b. something worth saving for a long time
 - c. a person who doesn't throw things away
4. Why did some people call Ida "The Bravest Woman in America"?
 - a. because she met the President
 - b. because she risked her life to save others
 - c. because she kept the light burning
5. Why did people go to the lighthouse to meet Ida?

6. Match each word with its definition.

1. career	a. ___ made a boat go
2. prized	b. ___ job done for a long time
3. rowed	c. ___ person who takes care of something
4. keeper	d. ___ thought of as important

Parent Tips

To express a text well, to read it with feeling that matches what it means, is one of the best ways to understand it. In order to match the proper expression to each word or phrase, you have to understand both the meaning of the words and the grammar of each sentence. Expression is such a powerful comprehension strategy because it instantly increases your access to meaning as you read.

-- Steve Peha, *What Can You Say About a Book?*