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No. 1: New words

1. fishing pole – (German “Angelrute”), possible to understand from the context
2. cypress – a type of tree, similar to the German word “Zypresse”
3. to sink – similar to the German word “versinken”
4. sweat – (German: Schweiß) clear from the context; he’s nervous and trying hard to get out his fishing line
5. to pull off – (German: ausziehen) clear from the context – because he wants to jump into the water, he takes off his clothes
6. root (German: Wurzel) – must be some part of the Cypress tree judging from the context
7. trap (German: gefangen) – trap = Falle – from the course of the story, context
8. distance – similar to the German word “Distanz”
9. invisible – from vision (Vision – German) and the opposite because of the prefix “in”= unsichtbar
10. rise- from context: it was dark (night) and a typical thing is that the moon rises
11. glow – glow is a very well known word, often used for products in Germany (“glow in the dark”)
12. drift – is like the German word “driften” – to move

No. 2a: Understanding the story

(Who? Where? When? What? Why?)

A boy goes out fishing and falls asleep. When he wakes up, it is already dawn and he realizes that his fishing pole got stuck. He tries to get it out of the water by first diving and then jumping on underwater roots of Cypress trees. His foot gets trapped between the roots and all attempts to free himself do not work out. In the darkness he can make out the shining eyes of an alligator close by. When the alligator moves towards him, he successfully defends himself with a log. After the attack he manages to get hold of his canoe and a knife. He frees himself and takes with him the log he used during the attack. The alligator teeth are stuck in it.

No 2b.: Change of feelings

Line 25: He is calm.

Line 31: He starts to get nervous because he cannot get out his lucky lure. (sweat)

Line 46 – 57: He’s a little desperate because he is trapped and cannot get out his swollen foot

Line 70: He gets cold, and maybe a little anxious because it’s getting dark and he starts hearing a lot of animal noises

Line 74: He smiles and is happy because he got an idea how to rescue himself

Line 102: “Scared for his life now” because he spots an alligator that starts moving towards him

Line 107: Boy is relieved because the alligator moves away.

Line 110: He is scared - but then happy because he was touched by his canoe.

Line 122: He is surprised because he finds the log with alligator teeth stuck in it

Line 125: He wonders what to do with them (maybe a new lucky charm?)