

2 A real-life heroine

THE LITTLE BIG MAN !

1 Identify the document and highlight the important elements. Then, complete the text.

The document is an article
 published in the year 2016
 It tells the story of a mother
 called Maureen, who saved a young boy
 in New Jersey USA.

Ian McGreevy, 8, was playing baseball with his Little League team in New Jersey when a ball struck him hard against the chest and knocked him flat on the ground. Everyone thought he was just shocked but it was much more serious than that: he actually went into cardiac arrest. A mother from the opposite team, Maureen Renaghan, jumped in to help.

According to NBC 4 New York, Renaghan rushed to perform CPR on the boy. He was fully breathing when the ambulance arrived on the scene to take him to the hospital, and has since made a full recovery. "I learned CPR 20 years ago," Renaghan said. "It's easier than you think!"

Adapted from Laura Vitto, "8 Real-Life Superheroes Who Saved the Day", *Mashable*, January 2013.

2 Take this quiz to sum up what happened to the boy.

- a) What was Ian doing when the ball struck his chest? Ian was watching a football match. Ian was playing baseball. Ian was chatting with his friends.
- b) What happened to Ian when the ball struck his chest? He fell on the floor. He went to get help. He cried.
- c) Was it a dangerous accident? Why? Yes, it was. Ian's heart stopped beating. No, it wasn't. He got up rapidly.

3 Complete the mindmap and describe the heroine who saved Ian's life.

ian's heroine

a) What's her name? Her name is Maureen

b) Why was she there? she was watching the baseball match

c) What was her role in the accident? she performed CPR

d) What talents or skills does she have? she can save lives

e) What should Ian say to her? Thank you for saving my life

Grammar

Les comparatifs

Observe : *It was much more serious than they thought. It's easier than you think.*

Réfléchis : Entoure les adjectifs dans ces phrases. Sont-ils à la même forme? Oui. Non.

Conclus : En anglais, lorsque l'on souhaite comparer deux choses, on utilise le comparatif.

Il faut regarder la conjonction de l'adjectif afin de pouvoir le modifier.

Si l'adjectif est composé d' 1 ou 2 syllabe, alors on rajoute *-er than* à la fin. Si l'adjectif est

composé de 3 syllabes, alors on rajoute *more* devant celui-ci et *than* après.

