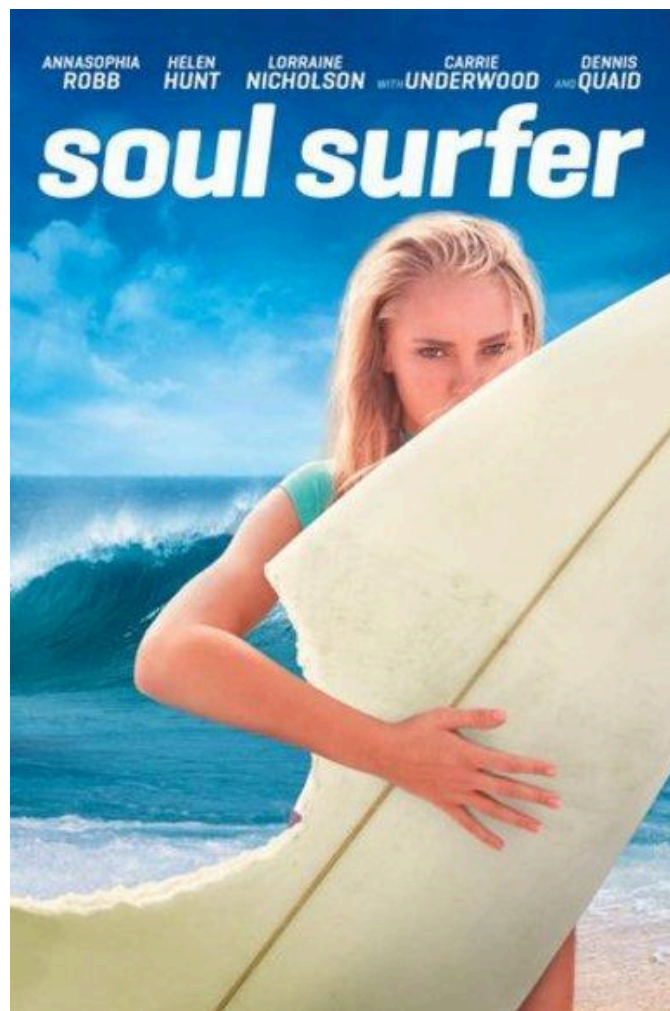


SOUL SURFER



Have you heard about Bethany Hamilton and the movie Soul Surfer? What do you know about it? Read the text below from [Sony Pictures](#) and get a little information on it.

*SOUL SURFER is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her **sheer determination** and **unwavering faith**. The film features an all-star cast, including AnnaSophia Robb and Helen Hunt, with Carrie Underwood in her **film debut**, and Dennis Quaid. **In the wake of this life-changing event** that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's **feisty determination** and **steadfast***

beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the **grit** to turn her loss into a gift for others.

Did you understand the paragraph above? Do you know all the words? If you do not know all the words and still got what the paragraph is about, great! It is important to practice reading without stopping before every word you don't know. Now it's a good time to think of vocabulary. Write the phrases taken from the movie summary next to their definition. Refer to the text to see the phrases in context. (See phrases in bold.)

overcome all odds – sheer determination – unwavering faith – feature an all-star cast – film debut – in the wake of a life-changing event – feisty determination – steadfast belief - spur

_____ : The courage and determination that makes it possible for somebody to start doing something difficult or unpleasant

_____ Encourage somebody to do something or to try harder to achieve something

_____ Strong and unchangeable will to continue trying to do something even when it is difficult

_____ The complete and extreme will to continue trying to do something even when it is difficult

_____ firm opinion

_____ Strong religious belief or trust in somebody's ability/knowledge that does not change or become weaker in any way

_____ The first appearance of a performer or sports player in a movie

_____ Include famous actors

_____ Succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem that seems impossible to be dealt with

_____ Coming after a happening that changes one's life

Look at the underlined verbs in the text and write them in the correct column below according to whether they are regular or irregular and their form. Then, fill out the other columns in the chart.

REGULAR VERBS			IRREGULAR VERBS		
INFINITIVE	SIMPLE PAST	PARTICIPLE	INFINITIVE	SIMPLE PAST	PARTICIPLE
			IS (BE)		

Choose at least 3 verbs and 3 phrases from exercises 2 and 3. Retell the story of Bethany in your own words adding the chosen verbs and phrases:

In 2005, Bethany went to Thailand to help the victims of the Tsunami. The movie Soul Surfer features a scene where she is looking at the beach and talking to her teacher when a little boy comes along. Fill in the transcript with the correct form of the verbs in the parenthesis.

BETHANY: How come no one's in the water? We _____ (bring) all these boards.

SARAH: [They are] Still petrified.

BETHANY: Is it safe?

SARA: Yeah.

The little boy comes and plays sees Bethany is missing an arm.

BETHANY: Oh! Something's missing, yeah?

SARAH: They _____ (say) he _____ (wander) up a few days after the tsunami.

BETHANY: What's his name?

SARAH: They don't know. He _____ (not / say) a word, he won't even smile.

If you would like to watch this scene to check your answers, [click here](#). You'll also be able to see the answers below.

Present Perfect or Simple Past

Complete the explanation below:

How come no one's in the water? We **brought** all these boards.

Bethany uses the _____ (Simple Past or Present Perfect?) because the action is over and we know when it happened. She could have said:

How come no one's in the water? We've **brought** all these boards.

Bethany could have used the _____ (Simple Past or Present Perfect?) because the action is over but influences the present situation.

There are times when it is a matter of style whether to use the Simple Past or Present Perfect. Americans, for example, tend to use the Present Perfect a little less than the British. But be careful because it's not always a matter of style.

They **said** he **wandered** up a few days after the tsunami.

Sarah used the _____ (Simple Past or Present Perfect?) because there is a time reference (after the tsunami).

He **hasn't said** a word.

Sarah used the _____ (Simple Past or Present Perfect?) because the action is not over yet. The boy started not to smile in the past, he is still not smiling and he might not smile for a while ☹.

So when do we use Present Perfect?

Check the correct alternatives:

- () When the action is over, but it influences in the present, and we do not want to mention any time reference.
- () To give details about actions in the past. We use it a lot when we are telling a story.
- () When the action is over and it's clear to everyone (speaking or listening) when it happened.
- () Then the action started in the past and it's not over yet.