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Level 18

Running Words 478 **Text Type** Description

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Technologies (Design and Technologies); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship, Geography)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the description in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 Which helicopters are the biggest?
2 Why do doctors or lifesavers sometimes travel in helicopters?
3 How does Jake help to put out fires?
4 Why are helicopters needed at some road accidents?

Inferential

5 Why does Dana take the helicopter down closer to the trees or water for people to take photos?
6 How do the instruments in front of the pilot help them to fly safely?
7 Why are helipads built at big hospitals?
8 Why are rescue helicopters important in the mountains?

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Helicopters

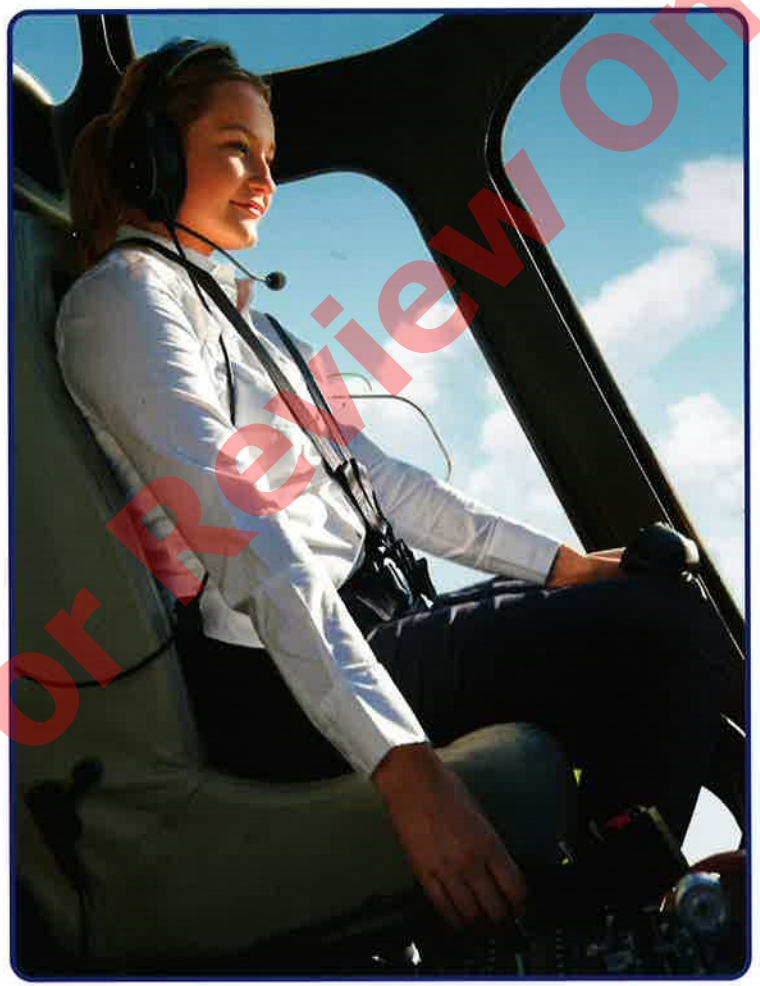
Dana, Rick, Jake and Ali are helicopter pilots.
They work at an airport.

There are lots of helicopters at this airport.
Some of them are very big.
They are rescue helicopters.
Some of them are much smaller.
These helicopters are for short trips.



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Dana flies the smaller helicopters.
Rick and Ali fly the bigger ones.
Jake has been trained to fly helicopters
for fighting fires.



Dana flies people to beautiful places
in her helicopter.

Dana

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Flying Over Land and Water

Dana takes people on helicopter flights over mountains, forests and lakes. As she flies over these places, she talks to the people about the animals and birds that live there.



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Many people want to take photos.
Dana flies the helicopter down
closer to the trees and water.
She is always careful to watch the **instruments**
in front of her so that everyone is safe.



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Rescuing People

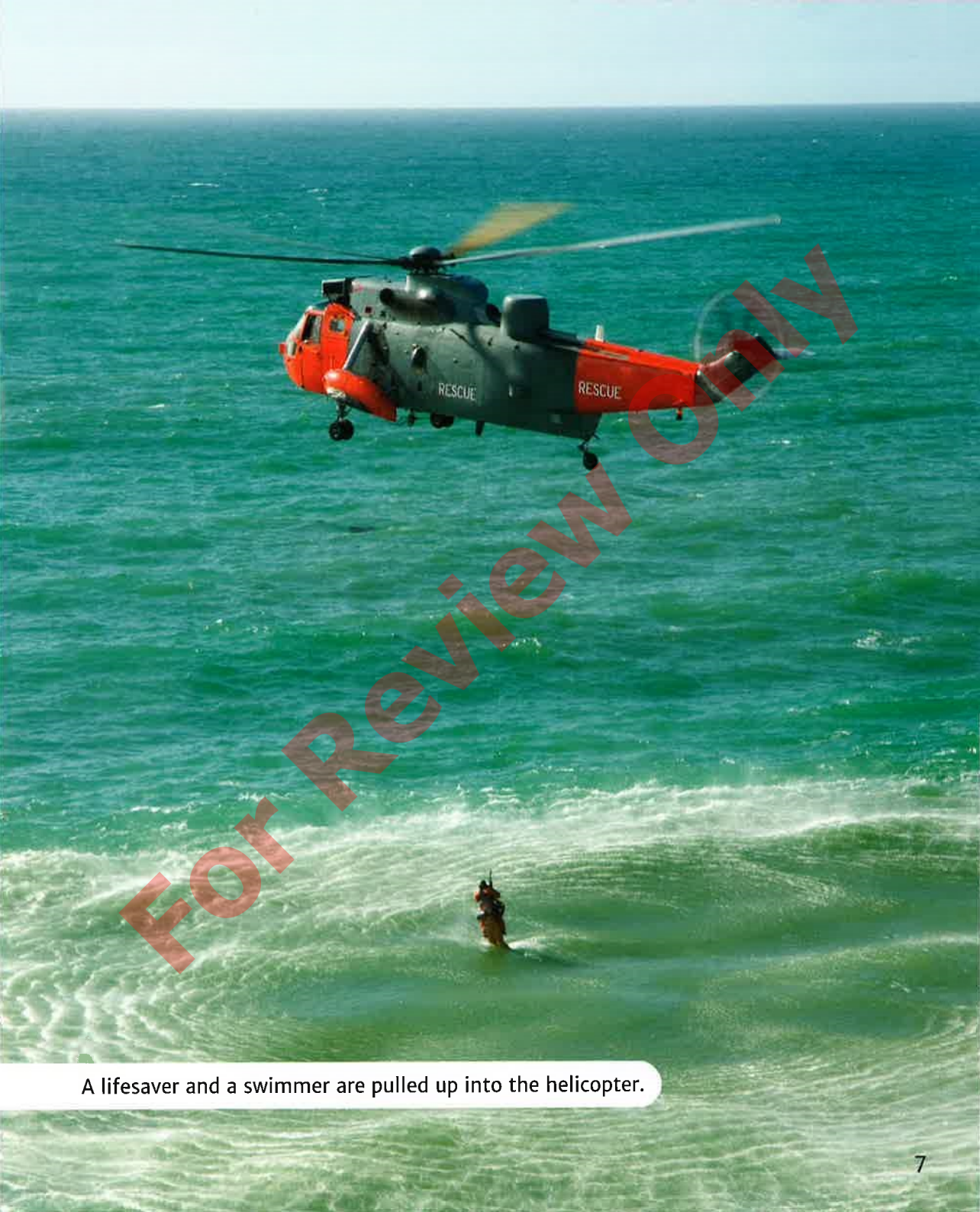


Rick

Rick is always ready
to help rescue people
if they are in danger.
He often gets a phone call
to fly out to a beach.
Sometimes, a swimmer
needs to be rescued
because enormous waves
are pushing them way out to sea.

Rick and his **co-pilot** work together very carefully
to fly the helicopter down close to the water.
A **lifesaver** goes down on a rope
to get the swimmer.
Then, they are pulled up together
into the helicopter.

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A lifesaver and a swimmer are pulled up into the helicopter.

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