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3. We tried to go boating last week but the weather was awful. ☐
4. Should we stay on the lake, or go out on the river? ☐
5. This old, but sturdy boat has been in my family for ages. ☐
6. I've never caught a fish nor do I want to. ☐
7. Do you know where the life vests, and flares are? ☐
8. Alize is a great swimmer, yet boats still make her nervous. ☐
9. The speedboat had three motors or maybe it was four? ☐
10. Kira couldn't make it, so we'll have to go again soon! ☐

# ANSWER KEY

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