

Man crosses rough sea on jet ski for love

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A British man who broke lockdown rules to be with his girlfriend has spoken to newspapers. Dale McLaughlan, 28, really wanted to see his new love Jessica Radcliffe. However, he was in lockdown in Scotland and she was 43 kilometres away on the Isle of Man - a

small island in the Irish Sea. Dale was love-struck and decided he had to see his love. He bought a jet ski for \$10,800 and rode it across the sea. He didn't realize how dangerous the journey would be. The sea was very rough and a huge wave washed away his GPS. He thought it would take 45 minutes to get to the Isle of Man but it took over four hours. For most of that time, he thought he was lost and had no idea where he was.

Dale was arrested by police and was sentenced to four weeks in prison for breaking lockdown rules. He said his adventure was worth it. He risked his life to see Jessica. It was the first time he had ever used a jet ski. He described his experience. He said: "The first time I stood on a jet ski was in that harbour. As soon as I hit open water, I thought, 'Oh my God'. It was terrible. It wasn't fun. I followed the GPS, but after half an hour a massive wave wiped it away. I didn't have a clue where I was going. I thought I was lost at sea. I was so scared." He added: "I broke the law, but I did it for love. I should never have done it. It could be called a crime of passion. Jessica says she loves Dale and wants to marry him.

Sources: nypost.com / itv.com / thesun.ie

Writing

It is OK to do anything for love. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

lockdown / newspapers / love / island / jet ski / love-struck / journey / wave / lost / police / rule / adventure / open water / clue / scared / break the law / crime / passion

True / False

- a) A British man refused to talk to newspapers about lockdown and love. T / F
- b) A 28-year-old man broke lockdown to see his wife. T / F
- c) The man didn't know how dangerous his jet ski ride would be. T / F
- d) The man took over three hours longer than he thought to cross the sea. T / F
- e) The man was sentenced to four months in prison. T / F
- f) The man was an expert jet ski rider. T / F
- g) A big wave washed the man's GPS away. T / F
- h) The man said he should not have done what he did. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. rules | a. frightened |
| 2. love | b. enormous |
| 3. realize | c. clue |
| 4. huge | d. defying |
| 5. idea | e. sweetheart |
| 6. breaking | f. adores |
| 7. risked | g. laws |
| 8. scared | h. love |
| 9. passion | i. endangered |
| 10. loves | j. understand |

Discussion – Student A

- a) Should the man have broken lockdown?
- b) Is it OK to do anything for love?
- c) What's the craziest thing you have done for love?
- d) What is it like to have a new love?
- e) Is there anything greater in the world than love?
- f) What do you think of the man's actions?
- g) What would you have done in the man's situation?
- h) Have you ever been totally lost?

Phrase Match

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| 1. A British man who broke lockdown | a. see his new love |
| 2. McLaughlan, 28, really wanted to | b. have done it |
| 3. He didn't realize how dangerous | c. thought he was lost |
| 4. a huge wave washed | d. I was going |
| 5. For most of that time, he | e. weeks in prison |
| 6. Dale was arrested | f. away his GPS |
| 7. sentenced to four | g. the journey would be |
| 8. I didn't have a clue where | h. of passion |
| 9. I should never | i. rules |
| 10. It could be called a crime | j. by police |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of the four-week prison sentence?
- What do you think of lockdown?
- How dangerous was the man's journey across the sea?
- Is it OK to break the law for love?
- What do you think of crimes of passion?
- What advice do you have for Dale and Jessica?
- What questions would you like to ask the man?

Spelling

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- It could be called a crime of ioassnp

Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. c
6. d	7. i	8. a	9. h	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Jet Ski Across A Sea

You think jet skiing across a sea is the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): walking 100kms to see your love, learning 100 love poems or singing a love song in public.

Role B – Walk 100kms To See Your Love

You think walking 100kms is the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): jet skiing across a sea, learning 100 love poems or singing a love song in public.

Role C – Learn 100 Love Poems

You think learning 100 love poems is the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): walking 100kms to see your love, jet skiing across a sea or singing a love song in public.

Role D – Sing A Love Song In Public

You think singing a love song in public is the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): walking 100kms to see your love, learning 100 love poems or jet skiing across a sea.

Speaking – For Love

Rank these with your partner. Put the most impressive things to do for love at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Jet ski across a sea | • Walk 100kms |
| • Expensive present | • Learn 100 poems |
| • Sing a love song in public | • Buy 1,000 roses |
| • Cook a 7-course meal | • Become super-fit |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.