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Level 2 – 5th July, 2018

Thai soccer boys cave rescue planned

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There is good news. The twelve boys and their football coach trapped in a Thai cave are alive. The group has been missing for nine days. Thailand has been praying for them since June 23. The search for the group has been 24-hour news. It was unclear whether or not they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went missing on 23 June. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This blocked the exit to the cave. The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is the team could be trapped for months. Rescuers have to wait until the water goes down before the team can get out. Another possibility is for the boys to learn to dive. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they will take food and medicine to the boys for the next four months. They are now trying to put power and telephones in the cave. Two British rescuers said the boys were happy, but very, very hungry. A mother of one of the boys saw a video of them and described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into words."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-44692813>
<http://www.asiaone.com/>
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/1496678/rescuers-seek-totally-safe-cave-extraction-for-boys>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. There is good | a. dry |
| 2. trapped | b. for them |
| 3. The group has been missing | c. to the cave |
| 4. Thailand has been praying | d. for nine days |
| 5. unclear whether or not they | e. news |
| 6. when it was | f. rain |
| 7. there was suddenly heavy | g. were still alive |
| 8. This blocked the exit | h. in a Thai cave |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the team could be trapped | a. it into words |
| 2. wait until the water | b. get out |
| 3. before the team can | c. boys to learn to dive |
| 4. Another possibility is for the | d. to the boys |
| 5. none | e. for months |
| 6. take food and medicine | f. in the cave |
| 7. put power and telephones | g. of the boys can swim |
| 8. I'm so happy I can't put | h. goes down |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____. The twelve boys and their football coach trapped in a Thai (2) _____. The group has been missing for nine days. Thailand has been praying for them since June 23. The (3) _____ group has been 24-hour news. It was unclear (4) _____ they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went missing on 23 June. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when (5) _____, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This blocked the exit to the cave. The (6) _____ and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is the team (7) _____ for months. Rescuers have to wait until the water (8) _____ the team can get out. Another possibility is for the boys to learn to dive. However, (9) _____ boys can swim. Rescuers say they will take food and medicine to the boys for the next four months. They are now trying (10) _____ and telephones in the cave. Two British rescuers said the boys were (11) _____, very hungry. A mother of one of the boys saw a video of them and described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CAVES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Caves in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

