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**Level 5 – 12th June 2023**

## **Four children survive in Amazon jungle for 40 days**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-5.html>

Four children who were feared dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive. The siblings, aged 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed in the Amazon in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother and two pilots died in the crash. Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued a mayday alert for engine failure. It then disappeared from radar screens. The children were found after 40 days by members of Colombia's military. They were helped by the Huitoto indigenous group.

Colombia's president called the children's discovery a "joy" and a "magical day". He added that their survival "will remain in history". He called the children "the children of peace and the children of Colombia". Colombia's aviation authority issued a statement about how the children survived. It said they escaped the wreckage and walked through the jungle in search of help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. Their knowledge of what is edible in the jungle and their experience of the rainforest gave them a better chance of survival.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-65864158>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/missing-colombian-children-found-alive-month-long-search-jungle-plane-crash>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/four-children-found-alive-five-weeks-after-a-deadly-plane-crash-12899802>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Four children who         | a. failure             |
| 2. The siblings,             | b. in the crash        |
| 3. two pilots died           | c. Colombia's military |
| 4. the pilot issued a mayday | d. aged 13             |
| 5. engine                    | e. indigenous group    |
| 6. It then disappeared       | f. alert               |
| 7. members of                | g. from radar screens  |
| 8. the Huitoto               | h. were feared dead    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a joy and a magical           | a. the rainforest       |
| 2. their survival will remain    | b. wreckage             |
| 3. Colombia's aviation authority | c. day                  |
| 4. they escaped the              | d. of survival          |
| 5. The children belong           | e. in the jungle        |
| 6. what is edible                | f. in history           |
| 7. their experience of           | g. to the Huitoto group |
| 8. a better chance               | h. issued a statement   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-5.html>

Four children (1) \_\_\_\_\_ dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed in the Amazon in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother (3) \_\_\_\_\_ died in the crash. Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for engine failure. It then disappeared (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The children were found after 40 days (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Colombia's military. They were helped by the Huitoto indigenous group.

Colombia's \_\_\_\_\_ president \_\_\_\_\_ called \_\_\_\_\_ the children's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and a "magical day". He added that their survival "will (8) \_\_\_\_\_". He called the children "the children of peace and the children of Colombia". Colombia's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a statement about how the children survived. It said they escaped the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ through the jungle in search of help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. Their knowledge of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the jungle and their experience of the rainforest gave them a better (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# JUNGLE SURVIVAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about jungle survival 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-5.html>

Write about **jungle survival** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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