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Man spent five years too long in prison

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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/2007/200710-jail-sentence-5.html>

An error in the prisons system in Samoa saw a man being incarcerated for five years longer than his sentence. Sio Agafili, 45, should have been released from prison in 2015 after serving two jail terms. In November 2008, he was convicted of burglary and theft and sentenced to seven years. A month later he was found guilty of other crimes and got a five-year sentence. The default procedure in Samoa is that a convict with two sentences must serve them together and not consecutively. A judge recently spotted the error when Mr Agafili appeared in court on another charge.

In a newspaper interview, Mr Agafili described his anguish at spending too long in jail. He said: "It's broken me into a million pieces. No one told me when my jail term would end. I lost count of the days....I just know I had to serve my time behind bars." His lawyer Muriel Lui told reporters about the injustice suffered by her client. She said: "He's been imprisoned unlawfully. I've heard of other cases of a similar nature. This is not the first of this type." She added: "His right to liberty has definitely been breached." Ms Lui said she would try to get compensation for her client.

Sources: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/420724/samoa-man-jailed-for-5-years-too-long>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/08/no-one-told-me-samoan-man-serves-five-more-years-in-prison-than-he-had-to>
<https://www.samoobserver.ws/category/samoa/66126>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. An error in the prisons | a. not consecutively |
| 2. incarcerated for five years | b. burglary |
| 3. convicted of | c. another charge |
| 4. The default | d. system in Samoa |
| 5. a convict | e. spotted the error |
| 6. serve them together and | f. longer |
| 7. A judge recently | g. with two sentences |
| 8. Agafili appeared in court on | h. procedure |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Agafili described his | a. a similar nature |
| 2. I had to serve my time | b. been breached |
| 3. the injustice suffered | c. anguish |
| 4. He's been imprisoned | d. for her client |
| 5. I've heard of other cases of | e. by her client |
| 6. This is not the first | f. unlawfully |
| 7. His right to liberty has definitely | g. of this type |
| 8. try to get compensation | h. behind bars |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An error in (1) _____ in Samoa saw a man being incarcerated for five years longer (2) _____. Sio Agafili, 45, should have been released from prison in 2015 after serving (3) _____. In November 2008, he was convicted of burglary and theft and sentenced to seven years. A month later he was (4) _____ other crimes and got a five-year sentence. The (5) _____ Samoa is that a convict with two sentences must serve them together and not consecutively. A judge recently (6) _____ when Mr Agafili appeared in court on another charge.

In a newspaper interview, Mr Agafili (7) _____ at spending too long in jail. He said: "It's broken me into (8) _____. No one told me when my jail term would end. I (9) _____ the days....I just know I had to serve my time behind bars." His lawyer Muriel Lui told reporters about the (10) _____ her client. She said: "He's been imprisoned unlawfully. I've heard of other cases of (11) _____. This is not the first of this type." She added: "His right to liberty has definitely been breached." Ms Lui said she would try to (12) _____ her client.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JAIL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200710-jail-sentence-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about jail 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) _____

