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**Level 6 – 12th June 2023**

## Four children survive in Amazon jungle for 40 days

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# THE ARTICLE

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An uplifting story has popped up in our news feeds. Four children who were missing and feared dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive and well. The siblings, aged 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother, the pilot and co-pilot perished in the crash. Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued a mayday alert, citing engine failure. Moments later, it disappeared from radar screens. The children had been missing for 40 days when members of Colombia's military found them. A news agency said people from the Huitoto indigenous group in the jungle aided the soldiers' search.

Colombia's President Gustavo Petro said news of the children's discovery was "a joy for the whole country" and a "magical day". He added: "They were alone. They themselves accomplished an example of total survival which will remain in history. These children are today the children of peace and the children of Colombia." Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority issued a statement regarding how the children survived. It believes the siblings escaped the wreckage and trudged 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 terrain probably gave them a better chance of survival.

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<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>

# WARM-UPS

**1. JUNGLE SURVIVAL:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about jungle survival. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

uplifting stories / news feeds / plane crash / siblings / pilot / radar / military / jungle / discovery / joy / magical / survival / history / wreckage / peace / edible / terrain

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. SKILLS:** Students A **strongly** believe we should all learn survival skills; Students B **strongly** believe that's unnecessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SURVIVAL:** What do we need to survive in these places? How would you survive? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Survival Skills	How I'd Survive
The jungle		
The desert		
The Arctic		
An earthquake		
Floods		
A pandemic		

**5. JUNGLE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "jungle". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SURVIVAL ITEMS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the survival items we need most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- A map
- A whistle
- A blanket
- A plastic sheet
- Chocolate
- Medicine
- A radio
- A torch

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. uplifting  | a. Brothers and sisters.  |
| 2. popped up  | b. Inspiring happiness, optimism, or hope.                            |
| 3. siblings   | c. Died, especially in a violent or sudden way.                       |
| 4. perished   | d. An international radio distress signal used by ships and aircraft. |
| 5. mayday     | e. Moved, appeared, or emerged suddenly.                              |
| 6. military   | f. Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.  |
| 7. indigenous | g. The armed forces of a country.                                     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. joy          | h. Achieved or completed successfully.  |
| 9. accomplished | i. Walked slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions. |
| 10. aviation    | j. A feeling of great pleasure and happiness.   |
| 11. wreckage    | k. The flying or operating of aircraft.   |
| 12. trudged     | l. Fit or suitable to be eaten.   |
| 13. edible      | m. The remains of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed.                       |
| 14. terrain     | n. A stretch of land, especially with regard to its physical features.                      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The eldest of the children in the story is a teenager. **T / F**
2. One of the children's parents did not survive the plane crash. **T / F**
3. The pilot of the airplane alerted authorities of engine failure. **T / F**
4. The children were found by tourists who were trekking in the jungle. **T / F**
5. Colombia's said magic was used to find the children. **T / F**
6. Colombia's president said the children would remain in geography. **T / F**
7. The children knew what to eat and what not to eat in the jungle. **T / F**
8. The children's knowledge of the jungle helped them survive. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. <b>popped up</b>    | a. native   |
| 2. <b>perished</b>     | b. achieved |
| 3. <b>alert</b>        | c. assisted |
| 4. <b>indigenous</b>   | d. delight  |
| 5. <b>aided</b>        | e. warning  |
| 6. <b>joy</b>          | f. land     |
| 7. <b>accomplished</b> | g. appeared |
| 8. <b>issued</b>       | h. trekked  |
| 9. <b>trudged</b>      | i. died     |
| 10. <b>terrain</b>     | j. put out  |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. An uplifting story has popped    | a. chance of survival   |
| 2. found alive                      | b. failure              |
| 3. the pilot issued a               | c. radar screens        |
| 4. engine                           | d. the wreckage         |
| 5. it disappeared from              | e. up in our news feeds |
| 6. news of the children's discovery | f. edible in the jungle |
| 7. the siblings escaped             | g. mayday alert         |
| 8. trudged through the jungle       | h. was a joy            |
| 9. knowledge of what is             | i. and well             |
| 10. gave them a better              | j. in search of help    |

# GAP FILL

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

An uplifting story has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ up in our news feeds. Four children who were missing and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive and well. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_, aged 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother, the pilot and co-pilot (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the crash. Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued a mayday (5) \_\_\_\_\_, citing engine failure. Moments later, it disappeared from (6) \_\_\_\_\_ screens. The children had been missing for 40 days when (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of Colombia's military found them. A news agency said people from the Huitoto indigenous group in the jungle (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the soldiers' search.

*radar*  
*siblings*  
*popped*  
*members*  
*alert*  
*feared*  
*aided*  
*perished*

Colombia's President Gustavo Petro said news of the children's discovery was "a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for the whole country" and a "magical day". He added: "They were alone. They themselves accomplished an example of total survival which will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in history. These children are today the children of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and the children of Colombia." Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority issued a statement (12) \_\_\_\_\_ how the children survived. It believes the siblings escaped the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and trudged through the jungle in search of help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. Their knowledge of what is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in the jungle and their experience of the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ probably gave them a better (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of survival.

*edible*  
*remain*  
*chance*  
*regarding*  
*terrain*  
*joy*  
*wreckage*  
*peace*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An uplifting story has popped up in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. our new seeds
  - b. our newts' feed
  - c. our news feeds
  - d. our new swedes
- 2) Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued a mayday alert, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sighting engine failure
  - b. sitting engine failure
  - c. sating engine failure
  - d. citing engine failure
- 3) Moments later, it disappeared \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from ray dark screens
  - b. from radar screens
  - c. from raid are screens
  - d. from laid are screens
- 4) The children had been missing for 40 days when members of Colombia's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. military flounder them
  - b. military founding
  - c. military found them
  - d. military found then
- 5) A news agency said people from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Huitoto indie genius group
  - b. Huitoto indigestion group
  - c. Huitoto indigenous group
  - d. Huitoto ingenious group
- 6) They themselves accomplished an example of total survival which will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. remaining history
  - b. remain on history
  - c. remain an history
  - d. remain in history
- 7) Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority issued a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. statement regarding how
  - b. statement regarding chow
  - c. statement regarding hour
  - d. statement regarding who
- 8) It believes the siblings \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. escaped the reck cage
  - b. escaped the wreck cage
  - c. escaped the wreck age
  - d. escaped the wreckage
- 9) trudged through the jungle in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. search off help
  - b. search of help
  - c. search oft help
  - d. search offer help
- 10) Their knowledge of what is edible in the jungle and their experience \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the Turin
  - b. of the train
  - c. of the terrain
  - d. of the terrene

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

An uplifting story (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in our news feeds. Four children who were missing and feared dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive and well. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother, the pilot (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the crash. Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued (4) \_\_\_\_\_, citing engine failure. Moments later, it disappeared (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The children had been missing for 40 days when members of Colombia's military found them. A news agency said people from the Huitoto indigenous group in the jungle (6) \_\_\_\_\_ search.

Colombia's President Gustavo Petro said news of the children's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ joy for the whole country" and a "magical day". He added: "They were alone. They themselves accomplished an example of total survival which will (8) \_\_\_\_\_. These children are today the children of peace and the children of Colombia." Colombia's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ issued a statement regarding how the children survived. It believes the siblings escaped the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ through the jungle in search of help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. Their knowledge of what (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the jungle and their experience of the terrain probably gave them a better (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What kind of story does the article say popped up in news feeds?
2. How old was the youngest of the four children?
3. What did the pilot issue before the plane disappeared?
4. What problem did the pilot say the plane had?
5. Who helped Colombia's military to find the children?
6. What did Colombia's president call news of the children's discovery?
7. Where did the president say the children will remain?
8. What did the children escape from?
9. What did the children have knowledge of that helped their survival?
10. What did the children have experience of that helped their survival?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What kind of story does the article say popped up in news feeds?
  - a) a lifting story
  - b) an uplifting story
  - c) a lifted story
  - d) an upsetting story
- 2) How old was the youngest of the four children?
  - a) 4
  - b) 3
  - c) 2
  - d) 1
- 3) What did the pilot issue before the plane disappeared?
  - a) a mayday alert
  - b) a warning
  - c) an order to land
  - d) a seatbelt warning
- 4) What problem did the pilot say the plane had?
  - a) a lack of fuel
  - b) an engine on fire
  - c) engine failure
  - d) turbulence
- 5) Who helped Colombia's military to find the children?
  - a) a group of anti-poachers
  - b) an indigenous group
  - c) the police
  - d) tourists
- 6) What did Colombia's president call news of the children's discovery?
  - a) a joy
  - b) a miracle
  - c) a nice surprise
  - d) good news
- 7) Where did the president say the children will remain?
  - a) in people's hearts
  - b) in hospital
  - c) in history
  - d) in the jungle
- 8) What did the children escape from?
  - a) the plane's wreckage
  - b) a pack of panthers
  - c) serious disease
  - d) flames
- 9) What did the children have knowledge of that helped their survival?
  - a) What is edible in the jungle.
  - b) map reading
  - c) How to make a fire.
  - d) Which way was north.
- 10) What did the children have experience of that helped their survival?
  - a) flying
  - b) being alone
  - c) hiking
  - d) the jungle's terrain

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – A Map**

You think a map is the most essential item needed in a survival situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a blanket, a radio or medicine.

## **Role B – A Blanket**

You think a blanket is the most essential item needed in a survival situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a map, a radio or medicine.

## **Role C – A Radio**

You think a radio is the most essential item needed in a survival situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a blanket, a map or medicine.

## **Role D – Medicine**

You think medicine is the most essential item needed in a survival situation. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): a blanket, a radio or a map.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'jungle' and 'survival'.

<b>jungle</b>	<b>survival</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• uplifting</li><li>• feared</li><li>• perished</li><li>• alert</li><li>• radar</li><li>• search</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• joy</li><li>• alone</li><li>• today</li><li>• statement</li><li>• belong</li><li>• edible</li></ul>
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# JUNGLE SURVIVAL SURVEY

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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.

# JUNGLE SURVIVAL DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'jungle'?
3. What uplifting stories have you heard recently?
4. How good is it to read uplifting stories?
5. Why is the news full of negative, depressing stories?
6. What do you know about the Amazon jungle?
7. How do you think the children survived for 40 days?
8. What are your survival skills like?
9. What do you think of flying?
10. What advice do you have for the children?

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# JUNGLE SURVIVAL DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'survival'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. When was the last time your country experienced joy?
15. What was the most magical day you've ever had?
16. What's the toughest thing you've had to survive?
17. What would you eat in the jungle?
18. How would you cope with 40 days in the wild?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask the rescuers?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |             |              |                |                |
|-----|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) outing  | (b) ongoing  | (c) uplifting  | (d) outgoing   |
| 2.  | (a) feared  | (b) afraid   | (c) frightened | (d) scared     |
| 3.  | (a) at      | (b) in       | (c) of         | (d) on         |
| 4.  | (a) sating  | (b) sighting | (c) smiting    | (d) citing     |
| 5.  | (a) arms    | (b) cadet    | (c) military   | (d) squadron   |
| 6.  | (a) raided  | (b) aided    | (c) faded      | (d) jaded      |
| 7.  | (a) magical | (b) magician | (c) magicians  | (d) magicians' |
| 8.  | (a) at      | (b) of       | (c) by         | (d) in         |
| 9.  | (a) thus    | (b) however  | (c) regarding  | (d) moreover   |
| 10. | (a) on      | (b) at       | (c) of         | (d) in         |
| 11. | (a) ate     | (b) edible   | (c) eating     | (d) indelible  |
| 12. | (a) terrain | (b) turret   | (c) tarot      | (d) taro       |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The ingslbsi, aged 13, nine, four
2. the pilot and co-pilot eiprdseh in the crash
3. the pilot issued a daymya alert
4. ntciig engine failure
5. members of Colombia's maltiiyr found them
6. the Huitoto nudsiinoeg group

## Paragraph 2

7. aedmclsphoic an example
8. civil iaotnvai authority
9. escaped the wegcrake
10. redgdut through the jungle
11. what is ebedli in the jungle
12. their experience of the rartnie

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) for the whole country" and a "magical day". He added: "They were alone. They themselves accomplished an example
- ( ) agency said people from the Huitoto indigenous group in the jungle aided the soldiers' search.
- ( ) screens. The children had been missing for 40 days when members of Colombia's military found them. A news
- ( **1** ) An uplifting story has popped up in our news feeds. Four children who were missing and feared
- ( ) and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle
- ( ) in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother, the pilot and co-pilot perished in the crash. Before the plane
- ( ) of total survival which will remain in history. These children are today the children of peace
- ( ) wreckage and trudged through the jungle in search of help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. Their knowledge
- ( ) disappeared, the pilot issued a mayday alert, citing engine failure. Moments later, it disappeared from radar
- ( ) regarding how the children survived. It believes the siblings escaped the
- ( ) Colombia's President Gustavo Petro said news of the children's discovery was "a joy
- ( ) and the children of Colombia." Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority issued a statement
- ( ) dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive and well. The siblings, aged 13, nine, four
- ( ) of what is edible in the jungle and their experience of the terrain probably gave them a better chance of survival.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. story our in news . uplifting up An popped
2. dead Feared month . last after a crash plane
3. alert pilot issued The an failure . engine citing
4. for days . been 40 children had missing The
5. aided group indigenous An soldiers' the search .
6. a News of joy . discovery the was children's
7. themselves They of an survival . accomplished total example
8. children Issued survived . the how statement a regarding
9. siblings wreckage . It believes the the escaped
10. is in what edible jungle . Knowledge of the

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An uplifting story has *propped / popped* up in our news feeds. Four children who were missing and *afraid / feared* dead after a plane crash a month ago have been found alive and *good / well*. The siblings, aged 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby, were on a plane that crashed *in / on* the Amazon jungle in Colombia on May the first. The children's mother, the pilot and co-pilot *perished / impoverished* in the crash. Before the plane disappeared, the pilot issued *a / the* mayday alert, citing engine failure. Moments *late / later*, it disappeared from radar *screens / screen*. The children had been missing for 40 days when members of Colombia's military *fund / found* them. A news agency said people from the Huitoto indigenous group in the jungle *aided / abetted* the soldiers' search.

Colombia's President Gustavo Petro said news of the children's *discover / discovery* was "a *joy / joyous* for the whole country" and a "magical day". He added: "They were alone. They themselves *accomplishment / accomplished* an example of total survival *which / what* will remain in history. These children are today the children of peace and the children of Colombia." Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority issued a *state / statement* regarding how the children survived. It *beliefs / believes* the siblings escaped the wreckage and *trudged / fudged* through the jungle in search *on / of* help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. Their knowledge of *what / that* is edible in the jungle and their experience of the *terrain / terrene* probably gave them a better chance of survival.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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colombias president gustavo petro said news of the childrens discovery was a joy for the whole country and a magical day he added they were alone they themselves accomplished an example of total survival which will remain in history these children are today the children of peace and the children of colombia colombias civil aviation authority issued a statement regarding how the children survived it believes the siblings escaped the wreckage and trudged 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 terrain probably gave them a better chance of survival

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# HOMWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. COLOMBIA:** Make a poster about Colombia. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SURVIVAL:** Write a magazine article about all of us learning survival skills. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on jungle survival. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. e    3. a    4. c    5. d    6. g    7. f  
8. j    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. n

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 T    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. An uplifting story
2. One
3. A mayday alert
4. Engine failure
5. The Huitoto indigenous group
6. A joy
7. In history
8. The plane's wreckage
9. What is edible in the jungle
10. The jungle's terrain

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. An uplifting story popped up in our news.
2. Feared dead after a plane crash last month.
3. The pilot issued an alert citing engine failure.
4. The children had been missing for 40 days.
5. An indigenous group aided the soldiers' search.
6. News of the children's discovery was a joy.
7. They themselves accomplished an example of total survival.
8. Issued a statement regarding how the children survived.
9. It believes the siblings escaped the wreckage.
10. Knowledge of what is edible in the jungle.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)