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Level 4

Men rescued after writing 'HELP' in the sand

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160413-rescue-4.html>

Three men have been rescued from a remote desert island, north of Papua New Guinea. They became marooned on the uninhabited South Pacific island after their boat capsized. The men swam for nearly three kilometres to reach land. They wrote the word 'HELP' in the sand in palm leaves. Their prayers were answered after three days when a U.S. Coast Guard plane saw their message on the beach.

The Coast Guard said: "Our combined efforts, coupled with the willingness of many different resources to come together and help, led to the successful rescue of these three men in a very remote part of the Pacific." None of the men was injured. The U.S. Coast Guard has done many rescues recently. They have worked on seven search-and-rescue missions in the past two weeks, saving the lives of 15 people.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/apr/09/men-rescued-help-palm-leaves-island-pacific>
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/04/08/three-castaways-rescued-remote-island-pacific-ship-wreck-help/82783676/>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/04/09/three-men-rescued-from-remote-island-after-writing-help-on-the-sand/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Three men have | a. land |
| 2. a remote desert | b. capsized |
| 3. their boat | c. island |
| 4. The men swam for | d. saw their message |
| 5. reach | e. been rescued |
| 6. palm | f. were answered |
| 7. Their prayers | g. leaves |
| 8. a U.S. Coast Guard plane | h. nearly three kilometres |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Our combined | a. rescue missions |
| 2. come | b. part of the Pacific |
| 3. led to the successful rescue | c. lives of 15 people |
| 4. in a very remote | d. efforts |
| 5. None of the men | e. together |
| 6. The U.S. Coast Guard has done many | f. was injured |
| 7. search-and- | g. rescues recently |
| 8. saving the | h. of these three men |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Three men have been rescued (1) _____ desert island, north of Papua New Guinea. They became (2) _____ uninhabited South Pacific island (3) _____ capsized. The men swam for nearly three kilometres (4) _____. They wrote the word 'HELP' (5) _____ palm leaves. Their prayers were answered after three days when a U.S. Coast Guard plane saw their (6) _____ beach.

The Coast Guard said: "Our combined efforts, (7) _____ willingness of many different resources (8) _____ and help, led to the successful rescue of these three men in (9) _____ of the Pacific." None of the (10) _____. The U.S. Coast Guard has done many (11) _____. They have worked on seven search-and-rescue missions in the past two weeks, (12) _____ of 15 people.

DESERT ISLANDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about desert islands 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

