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## **Level 6**

### **Men rescued after writing 'HELP' in the sand**

**13th April, 2016**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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Three men were rescued from a remote desert island in adventure-book style on Thursday. The three sailors became marooned on the tiny, uninhabited island of Fanadik in the South Pacific Ocean after their boat capsized. The island is several hundred kilometres north of Papua New Guinea. Even though they lost their vessel at night, the men managed to swim for nearly three kilometres to reach land. They remained on the island for three days and believed they were modern-day castaways. They wrote the word 'HELP' in the sand using palm leaves so they might be spotted by a plane. Their prayers were answered when a U.S. Coast Guard plane spotted their message on the beach.

A Coast Guard spokesman spoke about the rescue. He 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." Once the men were found, their families were notified and they were put on a boat back to the island of Pulap, from where they had initially set out to sea. The Coast Guard said none of the men was injured. The rescue is one of many the U.S. Coast Guard has undertaken recently. Officials say that in the last two weeks, they have coordinated seven search-and-rescue missions in the South Pacific, saving the lives of 15 people.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. DESERT ISLANDS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about desert islands. 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?

*rescued / desert island / sailors / uninhabited / castaways / palm leaves / prayers / spokesman / resources / remote / initially / coast guard / recently / missions*

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

**3. SURVIVAL:** What are the most important things to do to survive these? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Difficulties	How to survive them
Being on a desert island		
Exams		
Being in a jungle		
Being in the desert		
Loneliness		
A broken heart		

**4. LOST:** Students A **strongly** believe being lost on a desert island is more difficult than being lost in the desert; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SURVIVAL TOOLS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things you need to survive on a desert island at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a mobile phone
- matches
- a blanket
- a knife
- a cup
- a torch / flashlight
- a diary
- a guitar

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Three men wrote an adventure book about being rescued.                | T / F |
| b. The men ended up on the island after their boat capsized.             | T / F |
| c. The men swam for almost three kilometres to get to the island.        | T / F |
| d. The US Coast Guard found the men on the island.                       | T / F |
| e. The Coast Guard said many people were unwilling to join the rescue.   | T / F |
| f. The men were flown straight back to the USA.                          | T / F |
| g. One of the men had a broken leg.                                      | T / F |
| h. The Coast Guard saved 15 people in the same area in the past 2 weeks. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. rescued      | a. noticed         |
| 2. marooned     | b. overturned      |
| 3. capsized     | c. distant         |
| 4. reach        | d. readiness       |
| 5. spotted      | e. saved           |
| 6. combined     | f. get to          |
| 7. willingness  | g. at first        |
| 8. remote       | h. stranded        |
| 9. initially    | i. worked together |
| 10. coordinated | j. joint           |

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

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. rescued from a remote | a. rescue missions     |
| 2. after their boat      | b. land                |
| 3. reach                 | c. part of the Pacific |
| 4. palm                  | d. lives of 15 people  |
| 5. Their prayers         | e. capsized            |
| 6. a very remote         | f. notified            |
| 7. their families were   | g. leaves              |
| 8. set out               | h. were answered       |
| 9. search-and-           | i. to sea              |
| 10. saving the           | j. desert island       |

# GAP FILL

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

Three men were rescued from a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ desert island in adventure-book (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday. The three sailors became marooned on the (3) \_\_\_\_\_, uninhabited island of Fanadik in the South Pacific Ocean after their boat (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The island is several hundred kilometres north of Papua New Guinea. Even though they lost their vessel at night, the men managed to swim for nearly three kilometres to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ land. They remained on the island for three days and believed they were modern-day castaways. They wrote the word 'HELP' in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ using palm leaves so they might be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by a plane. Their prayers were answered when a U.S. Coast Guard plane spotted their message on the (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*capsized*  
*style*  
*sand*  
*remote*  
*beach*  
*tiny*  
*spotted*  
*reach*

A Coast Guard spokesman spoke about the rescue. He said: "Our (9) \_\_\_\_\_ efforts, coupled with the willingness of many different (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to come together and help, led to the successful rescue of these three men in a very (11) \_\_\_\_\_ part of the Pacific." Once the men were found, their families were (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and they were put on a boat back to the island of Pulpap, from where they had (13) \_\_\_\_\_ set out to sea. The Coast Guard said none of the men was injured. The rescue is one of many the U.S. Coast Guard has undertaken (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Officials say that in the last two weeks, they have coordinated seven search-and-rescue (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the South Pacific, saving the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of 15 people.

*initially*  
*resources*  
*missions*  
*remote*  
*lives*  
*combined*  
*recently*  
*notified*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Three men were rescued from a remote desert island in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. adventure-book styles
  - b. adventure-book styled
  - c. adventure-book stylish
  - d. adventure-book style
- 2) marooned on the tiny, uninhabited island of Fanadik in the South Pacific Ocean after \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their boat cap size
  - b. their boats capsized
  - c. their boat capsized
  - d. their boat capsize
- 3) They remained on the island for three days and believed they were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. modern-day castaways
  - b. modern-days castaways
  - c. modern-date castaways
  - d. modern-dates castaways
- 4) They wrote the word 'HELP' in the sand using palm leaves so they might be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sported by a plane
  - b. spotted by a plain
  - c. spotted by the plane
  - d. spotted by a plane
- 5) Their prayers were answered when a U.S. Coast Guard plane \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spotted their message
  - b. spotted their massage
  - c. spotted their messenger
  - d. spotted their messengers
- 6) the willingness of many different resources to come together and help, led to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the successful rescues
  - b. the successful rescue
  - c. the successful rescued
  - d. the successful rescuing
- 7) Once the men were found, their families \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. were notified
  - b. are notifies
  - c. we're notified
  - d. were notifies
- 8) they were put on a boat back to the island of Pulap, from where they had initially \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. set out too sea
  - b. set out to see
  - c. set out to sea
  - d. set out two see
- 9) The rescue is one of many the U.S. Coast Guard has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. undertaken recently
  - b. overtaken recently
  - c. retaken recently
  - d. and taken recently
- 10) Officials say that in the last two weeks, they have coordinated seven search-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and-rescues missions
  - b. and-rescue missions
  - c. and-rescued missions
  - d. and-rescuing missions

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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A Coast Guard spokesman (7) \_\_\_\_\_ rescue. He said: "Our combined efforts, coupled with the willingness of many different resources to come together (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the successful rescue of these three men in a very remote part of the Pacific." Once the men were found, their families were notified and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on a boat back to the island of Pulap, from where they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ out to sea. The Coast Guard said none of the men was injured. The rescue is one of many the U.S. Coast Guard (11) \_\_\_\_\_ recently. Officials say that in the last two weeks, they have coordinated seven search-and-rescue missions in the South Pacific, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of 15 people.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. In what kind of style did the article say the men were rescued?

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2. How many people lived on the island the men were stranded on?

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3. What country was several hundred kilometres south of the island?

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4. What did the men use to write the word 'help'?

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5. What was answered by the U.S. Coast Guard?

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6. Where did the men write their message?

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7. Who was notified of the men's rescue?

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8. How many of the rescued men had sustained injuries?

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9. How many search-and-rescue missions did the coast guard do recently?

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10. How many people did the coast guard save in the past two weeks?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. In what kind of style did the article say the men were rescued?
  - a) traditional style
  - b) old-fashioned style
  - c) modern-day style
  - d) adventure-book style
2. How many people lived on the island the men were stranded on?
  - a) over 1,000
  - b) none
  - c) 27
  - d) several hundred
3. What country was several hundred kilometres south of the island?
  - a) New Zealand
  - b) Fiji
  - c) Vanuatu
  - d) Papua New Guinea
4. What did the men use to write the word 'help'?
  - a) oil
  - b) pens
  - c) palm leaves
  - d) shells
5. What was answered by the U.S. Coast Guard?
  - a) a letter
  - b) the telephone
  - c) a difficult question
  - d) the men's prayers
6. Where did the men write their message?
  - a) in the jungle
  - b) on their boat
  - c) on the beach
  - d) on their mobile phones
7. Who was notified of the men's rescue?
  - a) the men's families
  - b) the U.S. President
  - c) the Coast Guard
  - d) the leader of the island
8. How many of the rescued men had sustained injuries?
  - a) 3
  - b) 1
  - c) 0
  - d) 2
9. How many search-and-rescue missions did the coast guard do recently?
  - a) 6
  - b) 7
  - c) 8
  - d) 9
10. How many people did the coast guard save in the past two weeks?
  - a) 15
  - b) 20
  - c) 10
  - d) 25

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – A mobile phone**

You think a mobile phone is the most important thing to survive on a desert island. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): matches, a knife or a blanket.

## **Role B – Matches**

You think matches are the most important things to survive on a desert island. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a mobile phone, a knife or a blanket.

## **Role C – A knife**

You think a knife is the most important thing to survive on a desert island. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): matches, a mobile phone or a blanket.

## **Role D – A blanket**

You think a blanket is the most important thing to survive on a desert island. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): matches, a knife or a mobile phone.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>coast</b>	<b>guard</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>• style</li><li>• tiny</li><li>• several</li><li>• night</li><li>• palm</li><li>• beach</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• efforts</li><li>• successful</li><li>• once</li><li>• set</li><li>• none</li><li>• last</li></ul>
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# DESERT ISLANDS SURVEY

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

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.

# DESERT ISLANDS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'rescue'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) How lucky do you think the men are?
- 5) What stories do you know about people marooned on desert islands?
- 6) What would you do if you were marooned on a desert island?
- 7) Is it better to have to survive on a desert island, a jungle or a desert?
- 8) How do you think the men felt?
- 9) What do you think the men did for three days?
- 10) What three adjectives best describe this story?

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# DESERT ISLANDS DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What survival skills do you have?
- 13) What job does the coast guard do?
- 14) How important are coast guards?
- 15) What bad things might the men have thought about?
- 16) Have you ever been very lost?
- 17) What movies have you seen about castaways?
- 18) Should we be taught survival skills at school?
- 19) What's the most remote place you've ever been to?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the rescued men?

# 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

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

- |     |                     |                |                  |                |
|-----|---------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) remotely        | (b) demote     | (c) remote       | (d) demoted    |
| 2.  | (a) uninhabited     | (b) habitat    | (c) habitation   | (d) habitual   |
| 3.  | (a) capsized        | (b) resized    | (c) oversized    | (d) sized      |
| 4.  | (a) managed         | (b) rewarded   | (c) coped        | (d) stapled    |
| 5.  | (a) nice            | (b) one        | (c) all          | (d) modern     |
| 6.  | (a) telephone calls | (b) questions  | (c) mails        | (d) prayers    |
| 7.  | (a) combined        | (b) combed     | (c) comprised    | (d) computed   |
| 8.  | (a) succumb         | (b) succulent  | (c) succinct     | (d) successful |
| 9.  | (a) notified        | (b) notifies   | (c) notification | (d) notifying  |
| 10. | (a) sat             | (b) set        | (c) sit          | (d) sot        |
| 11. | (a) taken           | (b) undertaken | (c) retaken      | (d) overtaken  |
| 12. | (a) saving          | (b) safe       | (c) saved        | (d) savings    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. rescued from a eoetmr desert island
2. The three sailors became oamodnre
3. after their boat sizdceap
4. they lost their vleses at night
5. modern-day awstacsya
6. Their ysrepra were answered

## Paragraph 2

7. Our bendcimo efforts
8. many different errcsesuo
9. their families were idtoienf
10. they had nlliyatii set out
11. none of the men was uijrnde
12. search-and-rescue nssmiois



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	answered when a U.S. Coast Guard plane spotted their message on the beach.
( )	of many different resources to come together and help, led to the successful rescue of these three men in a very
( )	boat capsized. The island is several hundred kilometres north of Papua New Guinea. Even though they lost their vessel at
( )	became marooned on the tiny, uninhabited island of Fanadik in the South Pacific Ocean after their
( )	night, the men managed to swim for nearly three kilometres to reach land. They remained
( )	search-and-rescue missions in the South Pacific, saving the lives of 15 people.
( )	remote part of the Pacific." Once the men were found, their families were notified and they were put
( )	undertaken recently. Officials say that in the last two weeks, they have coordinated seven
( )	on the island for three days and believed they were modern-day castaways. They wrote the word 'HELP' in the sand using
( )	on a boat back to the island of Pulap, from where they had initially set out to sea. The Coast Guard said none of
( <b>1</b> )	Three men were rescued from a remote desert island in adventure-book style on Thursday. The three sailors
( )	the men was injured. The rescue is one of many the U.S. Coast Guard has
( )	palm leaves so they might be spotted by a plane. Their prayers were
( )	A Coast Guard spokesman spoke about the rescue. He said: "Our combined efforts, coupled with the willingness

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. adventure- in island desert remote a from Rescued style book .

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2. at they night lost their Even vessel though .

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3. nearly managed for kilometres men swim three The to .

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4. 'HELP' word the wrote They leaves palm using sand the in .

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5. spotted plane Guard US A beach the Coast on message their .

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6. come The many to of resources together willingness different .

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7. these the of men to rescue three Led successful .

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8. Pulap the boat put island back on They of to a were .

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9. the many of one is Guard rescue The undertaken has Coast .

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10. and- search- coordinated missions rescue They have seven .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Three men were rescued from a *remotely* / *remote* desert island in adventure-book *style* / *stylish* on Thursday. The three sailors became marooned on the *tiny* / *tinny*, uninhabited island of Fanadik in the South Pacific Ocean after their boat *oversized* / *capsized*. The island is several hundred kilometres north of Papua New Guinea. Even *thought* / *though* they lost their vessel at night, the men *managed* / *managing* to swim for nearly three kilometres to reach land. They remained *on* / *in* the island for three days and *believed* / *beliefs* they were modern-day castaways. They wrote the word 'HELP' in the sand using palm leaves so they might be *spotting* / *spotted* by a plane. Their prayers were answered when a U.S. Coast Guard plane spotted their *message* / *massage* on the beach.

A Coast Guard spokesman spoke about the *rescue* / *rescued*. He said: "Our combined efforts, *tripled* / *coupled* with the willingness of many *difference* / *different* resources to come together and help, led to the *successful* / *success* rescue of these three men in a very remote part of the Pacific." Once the men were found, their families were *notified* / *notification* and they were put on a boat back to the island of Pulap, from *when* / *where* they had initially set out to *see* / *sea*. The Coast Guard said *none* / *many* of the men was injured. The rescue is one of many the U.S. Coast Guard has undertaken *recent* / *recently*. Officials say that in the last two weeks, they have coordinated seven search-and-rescue *missions* / *missionaries* in the South Pacific, saving the lives of 15 people.

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

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

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

Thr\_\_ m\_n w\_r\_ r\_sc\_\_d fr\_m \_ r\_m\_t\_ d\_s\_rt \_sl\_nd  
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\_sl\_nd \_f F\_n\_d\_k \_n th\_ S\_\_th P\_c\_f\_c \_c\_\_n \_ft\_r  
th\_\_r b\_\_t c\_ps\_z\_d. Th\_ \_sl\_nd \_s s\_v\_r\_l h\_ndr\_d  
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th\_y l\_st th\_\_r v\_ss\_l \_t\_n\_ght, th\_ m\_n m\_n\_g\_d t\_  
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sp\_tt\_d by \_pl\_n\_. Th\_\_r pr\_y\_rs w\_r\_ \_nsw\_r\_d wh\_n  
\_\_\_.S. C\_\_st G\_\_rd pl\_n\_ sp\_tt\_d th\_\_r m\_ss\_g\_ \_n th\_  
b\_\_ch.

\_ C\_\_st G\_\_rd sp\_k\_sm\_n sp\_k\_ \_b\_\_t th\_ r\_sc\_\_. H\_  
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P\_c\_f\_c." \_nc\_ th\_ m\_n w\_r\_ f\_\_nd, th\_\_r f\_m\_l\_\_s  
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G\_\_rd h\_s \_nd\_r\_t\_k\_n r\_c\_ntly. \_ff\_c\_\_ls s\_y th\_t \_n  
th\_ l\_st tw\_\_ w\_\_ks, th\_y h\_v\_ c\_\_rd\_n\_t\_d s\_v\_n  
s\_\_rch-\_nd-r\_sc\_\_ m\_ss\_\_ns \_n th\_ S\_\_th P\_c\_f\_c,  
s\_v\_ng th\_ l\_v\_s \_f 15 p\_\_pl\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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three men were rescued from a remote desert island in adventure-book style on thursday the three sailors became marooned on the tiny uninhabited island of fanadik in the south pacific ocean after their boat capsized the island is several hundred kilometres north of papua new guinea even though they lost their vessel at night the men managed to swim for nearly three kilometres to reach land they remained on the island for three days and believed they were modern-day castaways they wrote the word 'help' in the sand using palm leaves so they might be spotted by a plane their prayers were answered when a us coast guard plane spotted their message on the beach

a coast guard spokesman spoke about the rescue he 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" once the men were found their families were notified and they were put on a boat back to the island of pulap from where they had initially set out to sea the coast guard said none of the men was injured the rescue is one of many the us coast guard has undertaken recently officials say that in the last two weeks they have coordinated seven search-and-rescue missions in the south pacific saving the lives of 15 people

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

Threemenwererescuedfromaremotedesertislandinadventure-book styleonThursday.Thethreesailorsbecamemaroonedonthetiny,uninhabitedislandofFanadikintheSouthPacificOceanaftertheirboatcapsized.Theislandis severalf hundredkilometresnorthofPapuaNewGuinea.Even thoughtheylosttheirvesselatnight,themenmanagedtoswimfor nearlythreekilometrestoreachland.Theyremainedontheislandfor threedaysandbelievedtheyweremodern-daycastaways.Theywrotetheword'HELP'inthesandusingpalmleavessotheymightbespottedbyaplane.TheirprayerswereansweredwhenaU.S.CoastGuardplanespottedtheirmessagethebeach.ACoastGuardspokesmanspokeabouttherescue.Hesaid:"Ourcombinedefforts,coupledwiththewillingnessofmany differentresourcestocometogetherandhelp,ledtothesuccessfulrescueofthesethreemeninaveryremotepartofthePacific."Oncethemenwerefound,theirfamilieswerenotifiedandtheywereputonaboatbacktothe islandofPulap,fromwheretheyhadinitiallysetouttosea.TheCoastGuard saidnoneofthemenwasinjured.TherescueisoneofmanytheU.S.CoastGuardhasundertakenrecently.Officialssaythatinthelasttwo weeks,theyhavecoordinatedsevensearch-and-rescuemissionsintheSouthPacific,savingthelivesof15people.







# HOMework

**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 desert islands. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. RESCUE:** Write a magazine article about the rescue of the three men. Include imaginary interviews with the rescuers and one of the men.

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 a survival expert. Ask him/her three questions about desert islands. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to survive on a desert island. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. rescued      | a. saved           |
| 2. marooned     | b. stranded        |
| 3. capsized     | c. overturned      |
| 4. reach        | d. get to          |
| 5. spotted      | e. noticed         |
| 6. combined     | f. joint           |
| 7. willingness  | g. readiness       |
| 8. remote       | h. distant         |
| 9. initially    | i. at first        |
| 10. coordinated | j. worked together |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Adventure-book style
2. None
3. Papua New Guinea
4. Palm leaves
5. The men's prayers
6. On the beach
7. The men's families
8. None
9. Seven
10. 15

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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