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Four children survive in Amazon jungle for 40 days – 12th June 2023

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Four children who were feared dead after a plane crash have been found alive after 40 days in the Amazon jungle in Colombia. The siblings are aged 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby. Their mother and two pilots died in the crash. The pilot issued a mayday alert for engine failure, and then it disappeared from radar screens. The children were found by Colombia's military, helped by the Huitoto indigenous group.

Colombia's president called the news a "joy" and a "magical day". He said their survival "will remain in history". Colombia's aviation authority issued a statement about how the children survived. It said they left the crash site and walked through the jungle to get help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. They knew what was edible in the jungle. Their experience of the rainforest helped them to survive.

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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.

Level 6

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.