

9 Rescued!

Reading

Before reading

1 Discuss these questions.

- 1 Do you ever read news stories or watch them on TV? What kind of news stories do you find interesting?
- 2 Look at the photo. What do you think the news story is about? Try to guess what happened without reading.

2 Read and listen.

FATHER AND SON RESCUED AT SEA

Last Friday morning, Australian man Ben Hammond and his teenage son Michael were rescued from their fishing boat in the Coral Sea. They had **set off** from Murray Island, off the north-east coast of Australia, twenty days earlier on a fishing trip. They had only **planned** to go for a few hours.

‘Everything was great at first,’ said Mr Hammond. ‘The weather was fine, and the fishing was good. But then there was a sudden wind. We lost control and were sent out to sea.’ The wind was the beginning of a massive storm.

After a few days, their boat ran out of fuel. They couldn’t call for help because their mobile phones had no **signal**, so they turned



them off to save the **batteries**. Rescuers had difficulty finding them because of the storm. However, the storm may have saved their lives. ‘It was lucky the weather was quite bad,’ said Michael ‘If it hadn’t rained we wouldn’t have had anything to drink. We only had two bottles of water to begin with.’ Over the next few weeks, they just tried to stay alive and well. They **protected** themselves from the sun by covering their heads. They managed to catch some fish, which they ate **raw**. And they drank the rain water.

Eventually, they discovered they had a mobile phone signal. They sent text messages to their family. The **emergency services** found them and a rescue helicopter was sent to pick them up. They were taken to a clinic where they were treated for **sunburn** and **dehydration**. Mr Hammond had lost over 20 kilograms. He said, ‘I’m just happy to be alive!’

HELICOPTER RESCUES MEN ON MOUNTAIN

Two French men were airlifted by helicopter from Mount Snowdon in Wales yesterday evening. Luc Morel and Marc Dubois had set out in the morning when the weather had been good. They had reached the **peak** and were on their way back down.

Unfortunately, at about 4pm it had started to rain and then the **mist** had come in. It was difficult to see, and Marc slipped and fell.

'We wouldn't have gone if we had known about the bad weather,' said Marc. 'But



we hadn't listened to the weather forecast!'

Luc used his mobile to phone the emergency services and a **dramatic** rescue operation took place.

'If they hadn't phoned so early we wouldn't have found them,' said one rescue worker.

'If they had left it longer, it would have been dark.'

The rescue operation lasted for about two hours. Fortunately Marc wasn't badly injured. They were both wet and tired, but they were well, and happy to be back down.

Vocabulary

3 Use the words from the text to complete the sentences.

- 1 When the bride arrived at the door, she made a dramatic entrance – she looked like a princess!
- 2 You can't use a mobile phone in the desert because there is no _____.
- 3 Salad is made of _____ vegetables – they aren't cooked.
- 4 Firefighters, police officers and paramedics are all part of the _____.
- 5 We _____ on our trip to the seaside early so we would arrive by lunchtime.
- 6 We wore hats and stayed under trees so we wouldn't get _____.
- 7 Runners have to drink water during a race so they don't suffer from _____.
- 8 If you don't have electricity, laptop computers can work on _____.
- 9 As the water in the lake was warm and the morning air was cold, there was a beautiful _____ above the water.
- 10 We _____ our holiday carefully. We knew which hotels we were going to, and which tourist attractions we were going to see.
- 11 The mother _____ her baby from the sun with an umbrella.
- 12 Many try to climb to the _____ of Mount Everest, but only a few succeed.

Reading comprehension

4 Answer the questions. Write S (Sea Rescue) or M (Mountain Rescue).

In which story ...

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| 1 | were the people rescued from the same family? | <u>S</u> |
| 2 | did somebody make a phone call? | _____ |
| 3 | did somebody send a text message? | _____ |
| 4 | were they lost for more than one day? | _____ |
| 5 | did the weather help them? | _____ |
| 6 | did they set out without checking the weather forecast? | _____ |
| 7 | did they suffer from too much sun and not enough food or water? | _____ |
| 8 | were they rescued in the evening? | _____ |

5 Write True or False.

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| 1 | Ben was sailing to Murray Island when the weather changed. | <u>False</u> |
| 2 | They were lost at sea for more than a week. | _____ |
| 3 | They ate nothing the whole time so they lost weight. | _____ |
| 4 | They were rescued by their family. | _____ |
| 5 | Luc and Marc were coming down Snowdon when they were rescued. | _____ |
| 6 | They were surprised by the bad weather. | _____ |
| 7 | It was after dark when Luc phoned for help. | _____ |
| 8 | It took the whole night to get them down. | _____ |

6 Match the questions and answers.

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| 1 | Where did the fishing boat get lost? | a a storm |
| 2 | Where did the men climb the mountain? | b Ben and Michael |
| 3 | What caused Ben and Michael to lose control of the boat? | c The Coral Sea |
| 4 | What caused Marc and Luc to get lost? | d weather forecast |
| 5 | Who needed medical help after they were rescued? | e Tom and Joe |
| 6 | What should Marc and Luc have listened to? | f misty weather |
| | | g Wales |

7 Discuss these questions with a partner or with your class.

- Would you rather go deep-sea fishing or climb a mountain? Why?
What would you take with you if you went fishing? If you went climbing?
- Do you think real-life news stories like these are interesting? Why or why not?
- What do you think we can learn from these kinds of stories?

Brave Teens Save Swimmer

An Italian tourist, Mario Marino, was rescued yesterday afternoon from the Atlantic Ocean by two teenagers in a fishing boat.

Mario had gone swimming off the coast of Florida when he was pulled out to sea. He tried to swim, but eventually got tired and started shouting for help.

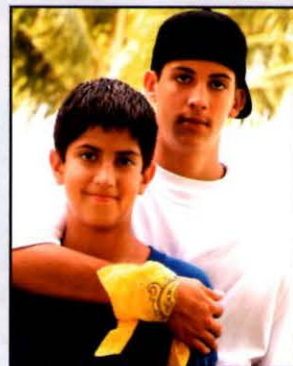
Luckily Ali Sultan, 17, and his brother Ahmed, 15, were passing in their boat. They heard the

swimmer's cries and went to help. 'If he hadn't shouted, we wouldn't have found him,' said Ali.

The two boys pulled Mario into their boat and took him back to the beach.

'I'm really grateful to the boys,' Mario said. 'If they hadn't arrived, I wouldn't have made it.'

Mario spent the night in hospital, but fortunately he was fine. He said, 'I'm ready to get back into the water!'



When you write a newspaper report ...

- Think of a **headline**. Write a short phrase, not a full sentence:

Brave Teens Save Swimmer

- **Summarise** the story in the first sentence:

An Italian tourist was rescued yesterday from the Atlantic ...

- Answer all the important questions: **who / what happened / where / when?**

Mario Marino / rescued from the sea / Atlantic Ocean / yesterday

- Include **quotes** from people using direct speech:

'I'm really grateful to the boys,' Mario said.

- 8 Match the sentences with the correct headline. Write A or B.

A GIRLS SAVE WOMAN ON MOUNTAIN

B RESCUERS FIND BOYS LOST IN CAVE

- 1 Last Monday, two school children were rescued from a cave in Spain. B
- 2 French tourist Isabella Dupont was rescued from a mountain in Nepal.
- 3 The girls, aged 17 and 18, were on a school trip.
- 4 'If they hadn't found me, I would still be on the mountain,' she said.
- 5 'If we had stayed with the guide, we wouldn't have got lost.'
- 6 The boys were happy to go home.

- 9 Write a newspaper report on one of these stories. Use the ideas above.

TOURISTS SAVED IN DESERT

TEENS RESCUED FROM ISLAND