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**Level 3 – 5th July, 2018**

## Thai soccer boys cave rescue planned

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

There is good news about the twelve boys and their football coach who are trapped in a Thai cave. They are alive and well. The group was missing for nine days, but was found by rescuers yesterday. Thailand has been praying for them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search for the group was 24-hour news in Thailand. It was unclear where they were or whether or not they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went missing. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This blocked the exit to the cave. The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait until the water recedes (goes down) before the team can get out. Another possibility is for the boys to learn to dive. If they do that, they can get out sooner. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they may have to take food, medicine and supplies to the boys for the next four months. They are currently trying to put power and telephone lines in the cave. Two British rescue divers who found the boys said they were all happy, but very, very hungry. The rescuers took a video of them. A mother of one of the boys described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into words."

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<http://www.asiaone.com/>  
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/1496678/rescuers-look-for-safe-cave-extraction-for-boys>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CAVES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about caves. 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?

good news / trapped / cave / rescuers / Thailand / 24-hour news / missing / flooded / bad news / soccer team / possibility / medicine / supplies / power / hungry / words

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

**3. RESCUE:** Students A **strongly** believe billions of dollars should be spent on rescuing the boys; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TRAPPED:** How could the boys cope with being trapped in the cave? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	Solutions
The dark		
Fear		
No food		
Relations with others		
Boredom		
Missing family		

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

**6. NEWS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best news stories at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- good news
- bad news
- sports
- business
- celebrity
- technology
- environment
- local

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 1. trapped  | a. Not having any water in it or on it.                             |
| 2. rescuers | b. Put something in the way to stop something happening.            |
| 3. praying  | c. When water enters towns, houses etc. and causes problems.        |
| 4. unclear  | d. Caught in a place that you cannot get out of.                    |
| 5. dry      | e. Privately asking a god or higher power for help.                 |
| 6. blocked  | f. Not easy to see, hear, or understand.                            |
| 7. flooded  | g. People who save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 8. recedes            | h. At the present time; now.  |
| 9. dive               | i. Lots of things that we keep for when we need them.                       |
| 10. medicine          | j. Goes or moves back or further away from an earlier position.             |
| 11. supplies          | k. The state of being happy.  |
| 12. currently         | l. Swim underwater using special equipment.                                 |
| 13. happiness         | m. Describe something; talk about how you feel.                             |
| 14. put it into words | n. Drugs or other things we eat or drink to make us better when we are ill. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

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

- a. Thirteen people are trapped in a cave in Thailand. **T / F**
- b. The article said this story broke on a news station called 24-Hour News. **T / F**
- c. The soccer coach who is with the boys is 35 years old. **T / F**
- d. The entrance to the cave was half-flooded when they first went in. **T / F**
- e. The soccer team could have to stay in the cave for months. **T / F**
- f. The article said a navy time would teach the boys to dive. **T / F**
- g. The article said rescuers are putting telephone lines in the cave. **T / F**
- h. A mother was so happy she found it hard to say what she wanted. **T / F**

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

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>well</b>        | a. earlier    |
| 2. <b>found</b>       | b. obstructed |
| 3. <b>unclear</b>     | c. option     |
| 4. <b>blocked</b>     | d. discovered |
| 5. <b>exit</b>        | e. explained  |
| 6. <b>recedes</b>     | f. healthy    |
| 7. <b>possibility</b> | g. stocks     |
| 8. <b>sooner</b>      | h. way out    |
| 9. <b>supplies</b>    | i. uncertain  |
| 10. <b>described</b>  | j. goes down  |

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

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. They are alive                        | a. exit to the cave       |
| 2. Thailand has been praying             | b. her happiness          |
| 3. there was suddenly heavy              | c. and well               |
| 4. This blocked the                      | d. in the cave for months |
| 5. The boys and their coach              | e. rain                   |
| 6. the soccer team could be trapped      | f. to learn to dive       |
| 7. Rescuers have to wait until the water | g. for them to be found   |
| 8. Another possibility is for the boys   | h. it into words          |
| 9. A mother of one of the boys described | i. were trapped           |
| 10. I'm so happy I can't put             | j. recedes                |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

There is good news about the twelve boys and their football (1) \_\_\_\_\_ who are trapped in a Thai cave. They are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and well. The group was missing for nine days, but was found by (3) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. Thailand has been (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search for the group was 24-hour news in Thailand. It was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ where they were or whether or not they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was suddenly (7) \_\_\_\_\_ rain. This blocked the exit to the cave. The rain (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

*praying*  
*missing*  
*alive*  
*flooded*  
*coach*  
*rescuers*  
*heavy*  
*unclear*

The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait until the water (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (goes down) before the team can get out. Another (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is for the boys to learn to dive. If they do that, they can get out (12) \_\_\_\_\_. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they may have to take food, medicine and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to the boys for the next four months. They are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to put power and telephone lines in the cave. Two British rescue divers who found the boys said they were all happy, but very, very (15) \_\_\_\_\_. The rescuers took a video of them. A mother of one of the boys described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*sooner*  
*currently*  
*bad*  
*words*  
*possibility*  
*hungry*  
*recedes*  
*supplies*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

- 1) news about the twelve boys and their football coach who are \_\_\_\_\_ Thai cave
  - a. tramped in a
  - b. traipsed in a
  - c. trapped in a
  - d. tapped in a
- 2) The group was missing for nine days, but was \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday
  - a. found by rescuer
  - b. fond buy rescuers
  - c. found by rescuers
  - d. fond by rescuers
- 3) It was unclear where they were or whether or not they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. were still a live
  - b. were still a lives
  - c. were still all live
  - d. were still alive
- 4) They went into the cave in northern Thailand when \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. it was drily
  - b. it was dry
  - c. it was dray
  - d. it was dire
- 5) The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was trapped
  - b. been trapped
  - c. were trapped
  - d. being trapped
- 6) The bad news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cave fore months
  - b. cave four months
  - c. cave for month
  - d. cave for months
- 7) Rescuers have to wait until the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. water re-seeds
  - b. water deceases
  - c. water recedes
  - d. water recede
- 8) Another possibility is for the boys to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. learn to drive
  - b. learn to dove
  - c. learn to dive
  - d. learn to dived
- 9) They are currently trying to put power and telephone \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. line in
  - b. lines in
  - c. lanes in
  - d. lies in
- 10) She said: "I'm so happy I can't put \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. it into words
  - b. it into a words
  - c. it in too words
  - d. it inter words

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

There is good news about the twelve boys and their football coach (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in a Thai cave. They are (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The group was missing for nine days, but was found by rescuers yesterday. Thailand has (3) \_\_\_\_\_ them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search for the group was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in Thailand. It was unclear where they were or (5) \_\_\_\_\_ they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went missing. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was (6) \_\_\_\_\_. This blocked the exit to the cave. The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is that the soccer team (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait until (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (goes down) before the team can get out. Another possibility is for the boys to learn to dive. If they do that, they can (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they may have to take food, medicine (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the boys for the next four months. They are currently trying to put power and telephone lines in the cave. Two British (11) \_\_\_\_\_ found the boys said they were all happy, but very, very hungry. The rescuers took a video of them. A mother of one of the boys (12) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into words."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

1. What did the article say the boys were besides alive?
2. How long were the boys missing before they were found?
3. How old are the boys?
4. What suddenly happened?
5. What blocked the entrance to the cave?
6. What do rescuers have to wait for the water to do?
7. What might the boys have to learn to do?
8. How long might the boys have to stay in the cave?
9. What are rescuers putting in the cave?
10. What did a mother say she could not describe?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

- 1) What did the article say the boys were besides alive?
  - a) injured
  - b) well
  - c) happy
  - d) relieved
- 2) How long were the boys missing before they were found?
  - a) a week
  - b) 10 days
  - c) 8 days
  - d) 9 days
- 3) How old are the boys?
  - a) 11-16
  - b) 11-15
  - c) 12-17
  - d) 12-18
- 4) What suddenly happened?
  - a) a dam burst
  - b) they went the wrong way
  - c) it rained heavily
  - d) there was a landslide
- 5) What blocked the entrance to the cave?
  - a) a landslide
  - b) heavy rain
  - c) rocks
  - d) fallen trees
- 6) What do rescuers have to wait for the water to do?
  - a) become warmer
  - b) get higher
  - c) recede
  - d) get clearer
- 7) What might the boys have to learn to do?
  - a) live together
  - b) be patient
  - c) climb
  - d) dive
- 8) How long might the boys have to stay in the cave?
  - a) four months
  - b) four weeks
  - c) 14 days
  - d) 40 days
- 9) What are rescuers putting in the cave?
  - a) telephone lines
  - b) heaters
  - c) radar
  - d) water pumps
- 10) What did a mother say she could not describe?
  - a) her fears
  - b) her happiness
  - c) her sadness
  - d) her excitement

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

## **Role A – Good News**

You think good news is the best news to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports news, local news or business news.

## **Role B – Sports News**

You think sports is the best news to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): good news, local news or business news.

## **Role C – Local News**

You think local news is the best news to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports news, good news or business news.

## **Role D – Business News**

You think business news is the best news to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their news. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sports news, local news or good news.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

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

<b>cave</b>	<b>rescue</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>• good</li><li>• nine</li><li>• 24</li><li>• 11</li><li>• dry</li><li>• exit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• months</li><li>• out</li><li>• dive</li><li>• food</li><li>• happy</li><li>• words</li></ul>
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# CAVES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

Write five GOOD questions about caves 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.

# CAVES 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 'cave'?
3. What do you know about this news?
4. What do you know about caves?
5. How scary would it be to be trapped in a cave?
6. How do you think the boys are feeling?
7. What would you do in this situation?
8. Have you ever been trapped somewhere?
9. What three adjectives best describe this story?
10. What advice do you have for the boys?

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# CAVES 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 'rescue'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why are newspapers mostly full of bad news?
15. What would it be like to spend four months in a cave?
16. How could the rescuers get the boys out more quickly?
17. What feelings do you think the boys' mothers have?
18. What do you think of caving?
19. Have you ever found something difficult to put into words?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boys?

## **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/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

There is good news about the twelve boys and their football coach who are trapped in a Thai cave. They are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and well. The group was missing for nine days, but was found (2) \_\_\_\_\_ rescuers yesterday. Thailand has been praying (3) \_\_\_\_\_ them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search for the group was 24-hour news in Thailand. It was unclear where they were or (4) \_\_\_\_\_ or not they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach (5) \_\_\_\_\_ missing. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the exit to the cave. The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the water recedes (goes down) before the team can get out. Another (8) \_\_\_\_\_ is for the boys to learn to dive. If they do that, they can get out sooner. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they may have to take food, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and supplies to the boys for the next four months. They are currently trying to put power and telephone lines (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the cave. Two British rescue divers who found the boys said they were all happy, but very, very hungry. The rescuers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a video of them. A mother of one of the boys described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

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

- |     |                 |              |                   |                |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) lives       | (b) live     | (c) lived         | (d) alive      |
| 2.  | (a) to          | (b) of       | (c) at            | (d) by         |
| 3.  | (a) as          | (b) for      | (c) on            | (d) by         |
| 4.  | (a) weather     | (b) wither   | (c) whether       | (d) wetter     |
| 5.  | (a) took        | (b) gone     | (c) went          | (d) had        |
| 6.  | (a) blocked     | (b) booked   | (c) blanked       | (d) baked      |
| 7.  | (a) whether     | (b) until    | (c) such          | (d) usually    |
| 8.  | (a) possibility | (b) possible | (c) possibilities | (d) impossible |
| 9.  | (a) drug        | (b) medicine | (c) cures         | (d) vaccines   |
| 10. | (a) of          | (b) to       | (c) in            | (d) on         |
| 11. | (a) done        | (b) filming  | (c) took          | (d) shoot      |
| 12. | (a) paragraphs  | (b) letters  | (c) syllables     | (d) words      |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. They are vilae and well
2. found by eucserrs yesterday
3. It was ncleuar where
4. there was ueddnsly heavy rain
5. This lockbed the exit
6. The rain ooldfed it

## Paragraph 2

7. wait until the water crdeees
8. Another osiibplstiy
9. take food, ecidimne and supplies
10. They are errcntuly trying
11. very, very ugnhry
12. the boys rscdibeed her happiness

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

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

- ( ) to the cave. The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach were trapped.
- ( ) of the boys described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into words."
- ( ) between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went missing. They went into the cave in
- ( ) well. The group was missing for nine days, but was found by rescuers yesterday. Thailand has been praying
- ( ) until the water recedes (goes down) before the team can get out. Another possibility is for the boys to learn to
- ( ) for them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search for the group was 24-hour
- ( ) The bad news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait
- ( ) northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This blocked the exit
- ( **1** ) There is good news about the twelve boys and their football coach who are trapped in a Thai cave. They are alive and
- ( ) power and telephone lines in the cave. Two British rescue divers who found the boys said they
- ( ) news in Thailand. It was unclear where they were or whether or not they were still alive. The boys, aged
- ( ) medicine and supplies to the boys for the next four months. They are currently trying to put
- ( ) were all happy, but very, very hungry. The rescuers took a video of them. A mother of one
- ( ) dive. If they do that, they can get out sooner. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they may have to take food,

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

1. the There news good about is twelve boys .
2. for group The the was search 24-hour news .
3. they not or were Whether still alive .
4. blocked the exit to This the cave .
5. boys their and The coach were trapped .
6. have to wait until the Rescuers water recedes .
7. say have may they to Rescuers take food .
8. divers Two found who rescue British the boys .
9. a took rescuers video The of them .
10. so I I'm put can't happy it into words .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/180705-thai-cave-rescue.html>

There is good news about the twelve boys and their football *coaching / coach* who are trapped in a Thai cave. They are *live / alive* and well. The group was missing *for / from* nine days, but was found by rescuers yesterday. Thailand has been *praying / prayed* for them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search *of / for* the group was 24-hour news in Thailand. It was unclear where they were or *weather / whether* or not they were still alive. The boys, aged *among / between* 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went *missing / missed*. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was *dried / dry*, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This blocked the exit to the cave. The rain *flood / flooded* it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is that the soccer team could *been / be* trapped in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait until the water *recede / recedes* (goes down) before the team can get out. Another *possible / possibility* is for the boys to learn to dive. If they *do / done* that, they can get out sooner. However, none of the boys can *swimming / swim*. Rescuers say they may have to take food, medicine and supplies to the boys for the *soon / next* four months. They are currently trying to put *power / powerful* and telephone lines in the cave. Two British rescue divers who found the boys said they were all *happily / happy*, but very, very *hungry / hungrily*. The rescuers took a video of them. A mother of one of the boys described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into *word / words*."

**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)

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Th\_r\_ \_s g\_\_ d n\_w s \_b\_\_ t th\_ tw\_l v\_ b\_y s \_n d  
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p\_n\_s\_s. Sh\_ s\_\_ d: "I'm s\_ h\_p\_p\_y I c\_n't  
p\_t \_t \_n t\_ w\_r\_d\_s."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the bad news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the cave for months rescuers have to wait until the water recedes goes down before the team can get out another possibility is for the boys to learn to dive if they do that they can get out sooner however none of the boys can swim rescuers say they may have to take food medicine and supplies to the boys for the next four months they are currently trying to put power and telephone lines in the cave two british rescue divers who found the boys said they were all happy but very very hungry the rescuers took a video of them a mother of one of the boys described her happiness she said im so happy i cant put it into words

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. RESCUE:** Write a magazine article about the world spending billions of dollars to get the boys out of the cave early. 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 caves. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on the hobby of caving. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. well        | a. healthy    |
| 2. found       | b. discovered |
| 3. unclear     | c. uncertain  |
| 4. blocked     | d. obstructed |
| 5. exit        | e. way out    |
| 6. recedes     | f. goes down  |
| 7. possibility | g. option     |
| 8. sooner      | h. earlier    |
| 9. supplies    | i. stocks     |
| 10. described  | j. explained  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Well
2. Nine days
3. Between 11 and 16
4. It rained heavily
5. Heavy rain
6. Recede (go down)
7. Dive
8. For months
9. Power and telephone lines
10. Her happiness

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. There is good news about the twelve boys.
2. The search for the group was 24-hour news.
3. Whether or not they were still alive.
4. This blocked the exit to the cave.
5. The boys and their coach were trapped.
6. Rescuers have to wait until the water recedes.
7. Rescuers say they may have to take food.
8. Two British rescue divers who found the boys.
9. The rescuers took a video of them.
10. I'm so happy I can't put it into words.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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