

Thai soccer boys cave rescue planned

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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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Writing

Billions of dollars should be spent on rescuing the boys in the cave. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

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

True / False

- 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

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about this news?
- b) What do you know about caves?
- c) How scary would it be to be trapped in a cave?
- d) How do you think the boys are feeling?
- e) What would you do in this situation?
- f) Have you ever been trapped somewhere?
- g) What three adjectives best describe this story?
- h) What advice do you have for the boys?

Phrase Match

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| 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 |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why are newspapers mostly full of bad news?
- What would it be like to spend four months in a cave?
- How could the rescuers get the boys out more quickly?
- What feelings do you think the boys' mothers have?
- What do you think of caving?
- Have you ever found something difficult to put into words?
- What questions would you like to ask the boys?

Spelling

- They are vilae and well
- found by eucserrs yesterday
- It was ncluar where
- there was ueddnsly heavy rain
- This lockbed the exit
- The rain ooldfed it
- wait until the water crdeees
- Another osiibplstiy
- take food, ecidimne and supplies
- They are errcntuly trying
- very, very ugnhry
- the boys rscdibeed her happiness

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. h
6. j	7. c	8. a	9. g	10. e

Role Play

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.

Speaking – News

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

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

Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	F	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.