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Man spent five years too long in prison

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An error in the Samoa prisons system saw a man spend five years longer in prison than he was sentenced to. Sio Agafili should have been released from prison in 2015. In November 2008, he was sentenced to seven years for burglary. A month later he got a five-year sentence for other crimes. In Samoa, a convict with two sentences must serve them together and not consecutively. A judge spotted the error when Mr Agafili was in court on another charge.

Mr Agafili described his pain at spending too long in jail. He said: "It's broken me into a million pieces....I lost count of the days....I just know I had to serve my time behind bars." His lawyer spoke about the injustice her client suffered due to his loss of liberty. She said: "He's been imprisoned unlawfully. I've heard of other cases of a similar nature. This is not the first of this type." She said she would try to get compensation for her client.

Sources: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/420724/samoa-man-jailed-for-5-years-too-long>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/08/no-one-told-me-samoan-man-serves-five-more-years-in-prison-than-he-had-to>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. An error in the Samoa | a. not consecutively |
| 2. Agafili should have been released | b. for burglary |
| 3. sentenced to seven years | c. charge |
| 4. a five-year sentence | d. prisons system |
| 5. a convict with two | e. from prison |
| 6. serve them together and | f. the error |
| 7. A judge spotted | g. sentences |
| 8. in court on another | h. for other crimes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Agafili described his | a. of the days |
| 2. spending too | b. unlawfully |
| 3. It's broken me into a | c. loss of liberty |
| 4. I lost count | d. for her client |
| 5. I had to serve my time | e. million pieces |
| 6. her client suffered due to his | f. pain |
| 7. He's been imprisoned | g. behind bars |
| 8. get compensation | h. long in jail |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An error in the Samoa (1) _____ a man spend five years longer in prison than he (2) _____. Sio Agafili should have been released from prison in 2015. In November 2008, he was (3) _____ years for burglary. A month later he got a five-year sentence for other crimes. In Samoa, (4) _____ two sentences must serve them together (5) _____. A judge spotted the error when Mr Agafili was in court (6) _____.

Mr Agafili described his (7) _____ too long in jail. He said: "It's broken me into (8) _____....I lost count of the days....I just know I had to serve my (9) _____." His lawyer spoke about the injustice her (10) _____ to his loss of liberty. She said: "He's been imprisoned unlawfully. I've heard of other cases of (11) _____. This is not the first of this type." She said she would try to (12) _____ her client.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JAIL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about jail 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

