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Level 1 – 6th January, 2021

Man crosses rough sea on jet ski for love

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210106-jet-ski-love-1.html>

A man broke lockdown rules to be with his girlfriend. He was in lockdown in Scotland. She was 43 kilometres away on a small island in the Irish Sea. He bought a jet ski for \$10,800 and rode it across the sea. He didn't know this was so dangerous. The sea was very rough. He thought it would take 45 minutes to get to the island, but it took over four hours. For most of that time, he thought he was lost. He said: "I didn't have a clue where I was going."

The police arrested the man. He got four weeks in prison for breaking lockdown. He said his adventure was worth it. He risked his life to see his girlfriend. It was the first time he used a jet ski. He said: "It was terrible. It wasn't fun. I followed the GPS, but after half an hour a massive wave wiped it away....I was so scared." He added: "I broke the law, but I did it for love....It could be called a crime of passion." His girlfriend loves him and wants to marry him.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210106-jet-ski-love-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A man broke | a. rough |
| 2. She was 43 kilometres away | b. I was going |
| 3. rode it across | c. was so dangerous |
| 4. He didn't know this | d. on a small island |
| 5. The sea was very | e. was lost |
| 6. He thought it would | f. lockdown rules |
| 7. he thought he | g. the sea |
| 8. I didn't have a clue where | h. take 45 minutes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The police arrested | a. of passion |
| 2. He got four weeks | b. wants to marry him |
| 3. He said his adventure | c. see his girlfriend |
| 4. He risked his life to | d. in prison |
| 5. a massive wave wiped | e. love |
| 6. I did it for | f. was worth it |
| 7. It could be called a crime | g. the man |
| 8. His girlfriend loves him and | h. it away |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A man broke lockdown (1) _____ with his girlfriend. He was in lockdown in Scotland. She was 43 kilometres (2) _____ small island in the Irish Sea. He bought a jet ski for \$10,800 and rode (3) _____ sea. He didn't know this was so dangerous. The sea (4) _____. He thought it would take 45 minutes to get to the island, but it took (5) _____. For most of that time, he thought he was lost. He said: "I didn't have (6) _____ I was going."

The police arrested the man. He got four (7) _____ for breaking lockdown. He said his adventure (8) _____. He risked his life to see his girlfriend. It was (9) _____ he used a jet ski. He said: "It was terrible. It wasn't fun. I followed the GPS, but after half an hour (10) _____ wiped it away....I was so scared." He added: "I (11) _____, but I did it for love....It could be (12) _____ of passion." His girlfriend loves him and wants to marry him.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LOVE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210106-jet-ski-love-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about love 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) _____

