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Level 4 – 11th October, 2021

Men lost at sea for 29 days say it was a nice break

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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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We all want to get away from it all. Two men from the Solomon Islands accidentally did that. They spent 29 days lost at sea. They left a small island in a boat to travel 200km to another island. They had done the trip before. A storm hit and blew them 400km off course. The storm messed up their navigation system, so they lost their ability to find their location. They ended up near Papua New Guinea.

The two men joked about their adventure. One said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They ate oranges they bought for their journey and coconuts they found in the sea. A fisherman saw their boat and they were rescued. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, COVID-19 means they will not be able to travel for a while.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. We all want to get away | a. the trip before |
| 2. They spent 29 days | b. their navigation system |
| 3. They left a small island | c. lost at sea |
| 4. They had done | d. near Papua New Guinea |
| 5. A storm hit and blew them | e. in a boat |
| 6. messed up | f. 400km off course |
| 7. they lost their ability | g. from it all |
| 8. They ended up | h. to find their location |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The two men joked about | a. to going back |
| 2. We didn't know where | b. able to travel |
| 3. coconuts they found | c. they were rescued |
| 4. A fisherman saw their boat and | d. their adventure |
| 5. I look forward | e. while |
| 6. it was a nice break | f. in the sea |
| 7. they will not be | g. from everything |
| 8. for a | h. we were |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We all want to (1) _____ it all. Two men from the Solomon Islands (2) _____. They spent 29 days lost at sea. They left (3) _____ in a boat to travel 200km to another island. They had done the trip before. A storm (4) _____ them 400km off course. The storm messed up their navigation system, so they (5) _____ to find their location. They (6) _____ Papua New Guinea.

The two men joked (7) _____. One said: "We didn't know where we were but did not (8) _____ in another country." They ate oranges they bought for their (9) _____ they found in the sea. A fisherman saw their boat and (10) _____. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, (11) _____ it was a nice break from everything." However, COVID-19 means they will not be (12) _____ for a while.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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We all want to get away from it all. Two women from the Solomon Islands accidentally did that. They spent 29 days lost at sea. They left a small island in a boat to travel 200 km to another island. They had done the trip before. A storm hit and blew them 400 km off course. The storm messed up their navigation system, so they lost their ability to find their location. They ended up near Papua New Guinea. The two women joked about their adventure. One said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They ate oranges they bought for their journey and coconuts they found in the sea. A fisherman saw their boat and they were rescued. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, COVID-19 means they will not be able to travel for a while.

INSECTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about getting away from it all 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) _____

