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Level 5 – 11th October, 2021

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

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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We spend hours dreaming of getting away from it all. Two men from the Solomon Islands inadvertently did just that. They spent 29 days away from the rat race after getting lost at sea. They set off from an island on September the 3rd in a small motorboat to travel 200km to another island. It was a trip they had taken several times before. Soon after they set out, a storm played havoc with their navigation system. They lost their ability to find their location at sea. The storm blew them off course. They ended up 400km away, off the coast of Papua New Guinea.

The two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed, they said they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade. One man said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts floating in the sea. A fisherman spotted their boat and authorities rescued them. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19, they will not be able to travel for a little while yet.

Sources: <https://nypost.com/2021/10/08/men-rescued-after-29-days-lost-at-sea-it-was-a-nice-break/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. dreaming of getting | a. havoc |
| 2. away from the rat | b. times before |
| 3. a trip they had taken several | c. Papua New Guinea |
| 4. a trip they had taken several | d. away from it all |
| 5. played | e. course |
| 6. They lost their ability | f. times before |
| 7. The storm blew them off | g. race |
| 8. off the coast of | h. to find their location |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. upbeat about their unplanned | a. in the sea |
| 2. the potentially life- | b. another country |
| 3. We didn't know where | c. a little while yet |
| 4. expect to be in | d. we were |
| 5. They survived | e. adventure |
| 6. coconuts floating | f. from everything |
| 7. it was a nice break | g. threatening escapade |
| 8. will not be able to travel for | h. by eating oranges |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We spend hours dreaming of (1) _____ it all. Two men from the Solomon Islands inadvertently (2) _____. They spent 29 days away from the rat race after getting lost at sea. They (3) _____ an island on September the 3rd in a small motorboat to travel 200km to another island. It was a trip they had (4) _____ before. Soon after they set out, a storm (5) _____ their navigation system. They lost their ability to find their location at sea. The storm blew them off course. They ended up 400km away, (6) _____ of Papua New Guinea.

The two men (7) _____ their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed, they said they enjoyed the potentially (8) _____. One man said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." (9) _____ eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts (10) _____ sea. A fisherman spotted their boat and authorities rescued them. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, but (11) _____ was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19, they will not be able to travel for a (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Wespendhoursdreamingofgettingawayfromitall.TwofromtheSolomonIslandsinadvertentlydidjustthat.Theyspent29daysawayfromheratraceaftergettinglostatsea.TheysetofffromanislandonSeptemberthe3rdinasmallmotorboattotravel200kmtoanotherisland.Itwasatriptheyhadtakenseveraltimesbefore.Soonaftertheysetout,astormplayedhavocwiththeirnavigationsystem.Theylosttheirabilitytofindtheirlocationatsea.Thestormblewthemoffcourse.Theyendedup400kmaway,offthecoastofPapuaNewGuinea.Thetwomenwereupbeatabouttheirunplannedadventure.Ratherthanbedistressed,theysaidtheyenjoyedthepotentiallylife-threateningescapade.Onemansaid:"Wedidn'tknowwherewerebutdidnotexpecttobeinanothercountry."They survivedbyeatingorangestheyhadboughtfortheirjourneyandcoconutsfloatinginthesea.Afishermanspottedtheirboatandauthoritiesrescuedthem.Themansaid:"Ilookforwardtogoingbackhome,butIguessitwasanicebreakfromeverything."However,duetoCOVID-19,theywillnotbeabletotravelforalittlewhileyet.

GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211011-lost-at-sea-4.html>

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) _____

