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**Level 4 – 12th June 2023**

## **Four children survive in Amazon jungle for 40 days**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-4.html>

Four children who were feared dead after a plane crash have been found alive after 40 days in the Amazon jungle in Colombia. The siblings are aged 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby. Their mother and two pilots died in the crash. The pilot issued a mayday alert for engine failure, and then it disappeared from radar screens. The children were found by Colombia's military, helped by the Huitoto indigenous group.

Colombia's president called the news a "joy" and a "magical day". He said their survival "will remain in history". Colombia's aviation authority issued a statement about how the children survived. It said they left the crash site and walked through the jungle to get help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. They knew what was edible in the jungle. Their experience of the rainforest helped them to survive.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-65864158>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/missing-colombian-children-found-alive-month-long-search-jungle-plane-crash>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/four-children-found-alive-five-weeks-after-a-deadly-plane-crash-12899802>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Four children who were    | a. failure                |
| 2. The siblings              | b. by Colombia's military |
| 3. two pilots died           | c. feared dead            |
| 4. The pilot issued          | d. indigenous group       |
| 5. engine                    | e. are aged 13            |
| 6. it disappeared from radar | f. a mayday alert         |
| 7. The children were found   | g. in the crash           |
| 8. the Huitoto               | h. screens                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Colombia's president called the      | a. a statement          |
| 2. their survival will remain           | b. in the jungle        |
| 3. Colombia's aviation authority issued | c. news a "joy"         |
| 4. how the children                     | d. of the rainforest    |
| 5. they left the                        | e. in history           |
| 6. The children belong                  | f. crash site           |
| 7. They knew what was edible            | g. survived             |
| 8. Their experience                     | h. to the Huitoto group |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-4.html>

Four children (1) \_\_\_\_\_ dead after a plane crash have been (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 40 days in the Amazon jungle in Colombia. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 13, nine, four and a one-year-old baby. Their mother (4) \_\_\_\_\_ died in the crash. The pilot issued a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ engine failure, and then it disappeared from radar screens. The children were found by Colombia's military, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Huitoto indigenous group.

Colombia's president called the news a "joy" and (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said their survival "will (8) \_\_\_\_\_". Colombia's aviation authority issued a statement about how (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It said they left the crash site and walked (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to get help. The children belong to the Huitoto group. They knew what (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the jungle. Their experience of the rainforest helped (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# JUNGLE SURVIVAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230612-amazon-survival-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about jungle survival 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) \_\_\_\_\_

