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## Level 6

# Trekker lost in Andes found alive

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# THE ARTICLE

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Mr Gomez was found and rescued by a team of Argentine meteorological officials who had helicoptered to the shelter to record snowfall levels. He had survived by catching rats and eating leftover supplies he found in the shelter. Doctors expressed surprise at how well he had fared. He was very thin and had lost 20kg in weight. A doctor said he was surprised by Mr Gomez's resilience, saying: "He's a patient with high blood pressure, a history of smoking and signs of undernourishment, but...in a few days we're going to discharge him." Members of a Uruguayan rugby team famously survived sub-zero temperatures in the Andes for 72 days in 1972 by eating the bodies of fellow plane-crash victims.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ANDES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Andes. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*disappeared / got lost / blizzard / ordeal . broke down / middle of nowhere / shelter / miracle / supplies / weight / blood pressure / sub-zero temperatures / plane crash*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. SURVIVAL:** How would you survive in these places? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What are the dangers?	How would you survive?
Snowy mountains		
Deepest jungle		
Desert		
Tiny island		
3km-deep mine		
Being kidnapped		

**4. SURVIVE:** Students A **strongly** believe qqqqqq; Students B **strongly** believe qqqqqq. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. LOST:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the worst places to get lost at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Andes mountains
- Sahara desert
- Antarctica
- Amazon jungle
- Pacific Ocean
- A war-torn city
- Underground caves
- Siberia

**6. NOWHERE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "nowhere". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. The man got lost in a sandstorm.                                    | T / F |
| b. He got into trouble after his motorbike broke down.                 | T / F |
| c. He built a shelter 2,840 metres above sea level.                    | T / F |
| d. The article said a country's president called this story a miracle. | T / F |
| e. The man was found by people who were testing the depth of the snow. | T / F |
| f. The man ate rats in order to survive.                               | T / F |
| g. When he was rescued, he weighed just 20kg.                          | T / F |
| h. People survived in the Andes for 72 days after their plane crashed. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. disappeared | a. nightmare    |
| 2. range       | b. wonder       |
| 3. ordeal      | c. coped        |
| 4. shelter     | d. freed        |
| 5. miracle     | e. release      |
| 6. rescued     | f. vanished     |
| 7. survived    | g. refuge       |
| 8. fared       | h. toughness    |
| 9. resilience  | i. chain        |
| 10. discharge  | j. stayed alive |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. found alive              | a. in a blizzard     |
| 2. got lost                 | b. undernourishment  |
| 3. The start of             | c. up there          |
| 4. broke down in the middle | d. supplies          |
| 5. holed himself            | e. his ordeal        |
| 6. record                   | f. he had fared      |
| 7. eating leftover          | g. snowfall levels   |
| 8. surprise at how well     | h. and well          |
| 9. signs of                 | i. zero temperatures |
| 10. sub-                    | j. of nowhere        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

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*disoriented*  
*miracle*  
*ordeal*  
*well*  
*holed*  
*blizzard*  
*freezing*  
*choice*

Mr Gomez was found and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by a team of Argentine meteorological officials who had helicoptered to the shelter to record snowfall (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He had survived by catching rats and eating leftover (11) \_\_\_\_\_ he found in the shelter. Doctors expressed surprise at how well he had (12) \_\_\_\_\_. He was very thin and had lost 20kg in weight. A doctor said he was surprised by Mr Gomez's (13) \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "He's a patient with high blood pressure, a history of smoking and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of undernourishment, but...in a few days we're going to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ him." Members of a Uruguayan rugby team famously survived (16) \_\_\_\_\_ -zero temperatures in the Andes for 72 days in 1972 by eating the bodies of fellow plane-crash victims.

*fares*  
*levels*  
*discharge*  
*rescued*  
*resilience*  
*sub*  
*supplies*  
*signs*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

- 1) A Uruguayan man who disappeared before the start of winter in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the Andes Mountain
  - b. the Andes Mountainous
  - c. the Andes Mountains
  - d. the Andes Mountaineers
- 2) Raul Fernando Gomez, 58, got lost \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inner blizzard
  - b. in a blizzard
  - c. in the blizzard
  - d. in a blizzards
- 3) The start of his ordeal began when his motorbike broke down in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. middle of anywhere
  - b. middle of somewhere
  - c. middle of everywhere
  - d. middle of nowhere
- 4) He became disoriented in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heavy snowy fall
  - b. heavy snowfalls
  - c. heavy snowfall
  - d. heavy snow fell
- 5) A local governor said: "The truth is that \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. this is a miracle
  - b. this is a miraculous
  - c. this is a miracles
  - d. this is the miracle
- 6) Mr Gomez was found and rescued by a team of Argentine \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. meteorological official
  - b. meteorological office all
  - c. meteorological officials
  - d. meteorological officially
- 7) He had survived by catching rats and eating \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. leftover suppliers
  - b. leftover supplies
  - c. leftover surprise
  - d. leftover surprises
- 8) A doctor said he was surprised by Mr \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Gomez's resilience
  - b. Gomez is resilience
  - c. Gomez's resilient
  - d. Gomez's residence
- 9) a history of smoking and signs \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of under nourish mint
  - b. of undernourished mint
  - c. of undernourishment
  - d. over undernourishment
- 10) Members of a Uruguayan rugby team famously survived \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sub-zero temperatures
  - b. cub-zero temperatures
  - c. tub-zero temperatures
  - d. pub-zero temperatures

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A Uruguayan man who disappeared before the start of winter in the Andes Mountains has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Raul Fernando Gomez, 58, got lost in a blizzard (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Andes range from Chile to Argentina. The start (3) \_\_\_\_\_ when his motorbike broke down in the middle of nowhere. Mr Gomez told reporters he had no choice but to walk in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a town nearby. He became disoriented in the heavy snowfall and could not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the road. He found a mountain shelter 2,840 metres above sea level and holed himself up there hoping to survive the long, freezing winter. A local governor said: "The (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is a miracle. We still can't believe it."

Mr Gomez was found and rescued by a team of Argentine meteorological officials who had helicoptered to the shelter to (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He had survived by catching rats and eating (8) \_\_\_\_\_ found in the shelter. Doctors expressed surprise at how (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He was very thin and had lost 20kg in weight. A doctor said he was surprised by Mr Gomez's (10) \_\_\_\_\_: "He's a patient with high blood pressure, a history of smoking and signs of undernourishment, but...in a few days we're (11) \_\_\_\_\_ him." Members of a Uruguayan rugby team (12) \_\_\_\_\_ - zero temperatures in the Andes for 72 days in 1972 by eating the bodies of fellow plane-crash victims.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

1. When did Mr Gomez disappear?

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2. Where was Mr Gomez going?

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3. How did his nightmare begin?

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4. What did he find high in the mountains?

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5. What did a local governor call Mr Gomez's survival?

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6. How did the snowfall recorders get to the shelter?

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7. What did he find at the shelter?

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8. How much weight did he lose?

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9. How long will he stay in hospital?

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10. For how long did airplane passengers last in the Andes?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

1. When did Mr Gomez disappear?
  - a) on his 58th birthday
  - b) in January
  - c) at the start of winter
  - d) in the middle of the night
2. Where was Mr Gomez going?
  - a) Argentina
  - b) Uruguay
  - c) Chile
  - d) Brazil
3. How did his nightmare begin?
  - a) he took a wrong turn
  - b) there was an avalanche
  - c) he crashed into a valley
  - d) his motorbike broke down
4. What did he find high in the mountains?
  - a) a town
  - b) a shelter
  - c) lots of snow
  - d) ancient ruins
5. What did a local governor call Mr Gomez's survival?
  - a) an inspiration
  - b) an ordeal
  - c) a miracle
  - d) a nightmare
6. How did the snowfall recorders get to the shelter?
  - a) on snowmobiles
  - b) by helicopter
  - c) on foot
  - d) by bus
7. What did he find at the shelter?
  - a) a radio
  - b) dead bodies
  - c) another hiker
  - d) leftover supplies
8. How much weight did he lose?
  - a) 30kg
  - b) 20kg
  - c) 28kg
  - d) 32kg
9. How long will he stay in hospital?
  - a) a few days
  - b) 24 hours
  - c) until his blood pressure goes down
  - d) a week or two
10. For how long did airplane passengers last in the Andes?
  - a) 72 weeks
  - b) 4 months
  - c) a whole winter
  - d) Just over 10 weeks

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

## **Role A – A radio**

You think a radio is the most useful thing to survive in the Andes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a knife, a torch or chocolate.

## **Role B – A knife**

You think a knife is the most useful thing to survive in the Andes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a radio, a torch or chocolate.

## **Role C – A torch**

You think a torch is the most useful thing to survive in the Andes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a knife, a radio or chocolate.

## **Role D – Chocolate**

You think chocolate is the most useful thing to survive in the Andes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a knife, a torch or a radio.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'middle' and 'nowhere'.

<b>middle</b>	<b>nowhere</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• before</li><li>• cross</li><li>• down</li><li>• hope</li><li>• sea</li><li>• truth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• team</li><li>• rats</li><li>• surprise</li><li>• 20</li><li>• few</li><li>• 72</li></ul>
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# SURVIVAL SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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.

# **SURVIVAL DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'survival'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) How lucky do you think Mr Gomez is?
- e) Would you like to travel across the Andes by motorbike?
- f) When was the last time you got lost?
- g) Why do people want to go on such adventures?
- h) What would you do in a blizzard in remote mountains?
- i) How are your survival skills?
- j) Is Mr Gomez's survival a miracle?

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# **SURVIVAL DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you think Mr Gomez thought about as the days went by?
- c) Would you eat rats in a survival situation?
- d) How would you fare on your own in the mountains for four months?
- e) What would you do to stay positive?
- f) What big adventure would you like to go on?
- g) Is it worse to get lost in the Amazon or the Andes mountains?
- h) What is the most important thing you would need to survive?
- i) What do you know about the 1972 Andes plane crash?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Mr Gomez?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

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Mr Gomez was found and rescued (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a team of Argentine meteorological officials who had helicoptered to the shelter to record snowfall levels. He had survived by catching rats and eating (8) \_\_\_\_\_ supplies he found in the shelter. Doctors expressed surprise at how well he had (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He was very thin and had lost 20kg in weight. A doctor said he was surprised by Mr Gomez's (10) \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "He's a patient with high blood pressure, a history of smoking and signs of undernourishment, but...in a few days we're going to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ him." Members of a Uruguayan rugby team famously survived (12) \_\_\_\_\_-zero temperatures in the Andes for 72 days in 1972 by eating the bodies of fellow plane-crash victims.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                |               |                 |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) good       | (b) nice       | (c) well      | (d) fine        |
| 2.  | (a) ordeal     | (b) deal       | (c) dealings  | (d) dealt       |
| 3.  | (a) nowhere    | (b) somewhere  | (c) anywhere  | (d) everywhere  |
| 4.  | (a) but        | (b) so         | (c) as        | (d) and         |
| 5.  | (a) doled      | (b) oiled      | (c) piled     | (d) holed       |
| 6.  | (a) freezer    | (b) freezes    | (c) froze     | (d) freezing    |
| 7.  | (a) by         | (b) from       | (c) for       | (d) with        |
| 8.  | (a) remains    | (b) scraps     | (c) overly    | (d) leftover    |
| 9.  | (a) fared      | (b) pared      | (c) dared     | (d) cared       |
| 10. | (a) resistance | (b) resilience | (c) residence | (d) restitution |
| 11. | (a) charge     | (b) discharge  | (c) recharge  | (d) chargeable  |
| 12. | (a) sub        | (b) par        | (c) anti      | (d) non         |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A Uruguayan man who drdseaieapp
2. got lost in a zrlDbiaz
3. his raeold began when his motorbike broke down
4. He became eieronsditd
5. A local ogrveron
6. The truth is that this is a iclaem

## Paragraph 2

7. found and cusdeer
8. meteorological cfsfliiao
9. leftover ulspespi
10. surprised by Mr Gomez's iinecseelr
11. signs of etnudsrnerumnih
12. survived sub-zero restueepramt



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) 20kg in weight. A doctor said he was surprised by Mr Gomez's resilience, saying: "He's a patient with high
- ( ) nearby. He became disoriented in the heavy snowfall and could not find his way
- ( ) zero temperatures in the Andes for 72 days in 1972 by eating the bodies of fellow plane-crash victims.
- ( ) Mr Gomez was found and rescued by a team of Argentine meteorological officials who had
- ( ) found in the shelter. Doctors expressed surprise at how well he had fared. He was very thin and had lost
- ( ) to survive the long, freezing winter. A local governor said: "The truth is that this is a miracle. We still can't believe it."
- ( ) range from Chile to Argentina. The start of his ordeal began when his motorbike broke down in the middle of
- ( ) discharge him." Members of a Uruguayan rugby team famously survived sub-
- ( ) alive and well. Raul Fernando Gomez, 58, got lost in a blizzard while trying to cross the Andes
- ( ) back to the road. He found a mountain shelter 2,840 metres above sea level and holed himself up there hoping
- ( ) helicoptered to the shelter to record snowfall levels. He had survived by catching rats and eating leftover supplies he
- ( ) nowhere. Mr Gomez told reporters he had no choice but to walk in the hope of finding a town
- ( **1** ) A Uruguayan man who disappeared before the start of winter in the Andes Mountains has been found
- ( ) blood pressure, a history of smoking and signs of undernourishment, but...in a few days we're going to

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

1. the winter Andes before of the Disappeared start in.

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2. Got Andes the cross to trying while blizzard a in lost.

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3. down when his His motorbike ordeal broke began.

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4. walk Gomez told reporters he had no choice but to.

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5. heavy the in disoriented became He snowfall.

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6. the leftover in Eating found he shelter supplies.

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7. at had expressed well he Doctors how fared surprise.

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8. in weight He was very thin and had lost 20kg.

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9. high with patient a He's pressure blood.

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10. days 72 for Andes the in temperatures zero - sub Survived.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1309/130911-andes.html>

A Uruguayan man who *disappeared* / *disappearance* before the start of winter in the Andes Mountains has been found alive and *good* / *well*. Raul Fernando Gomez, 58, got lost in a *blizzard* / *buzzard* while trying to cross the Andes range from Chile to Argentina. The start of his *ideal* / *ordeal* began when his motorbike *broke* / *breaking* down in the middle of *anywhere* / *nowhere*. Mr Gomez told reporters he had no *chose* / *choice* but to walk in the *hope* / *hoping* of finding a town nearby. He became disoriented in the heavy snowfall and could not find his way back to the road. He found a mountain shelter 2,840 metres above sea level and *poled* / *holed* himself up there hoping to survive the long, *freezing* / *froze* winter. A local governor said: "The truth is that this is a miracle. We still can't believe it."

Mr Gomez was found and *rescued* / *rescuing* by a team of Argentine meteorological officials who had helicoptered to the shelter to record *snowfall* / *snowy* levels. He had survived by catching rats and eating leftover *supplies* / *suppliers* he found in the shelter. Doctors expressed *surprises* / *surprise* at how well he had *fared* / *bared*. He was very thin and had *lost* / *downed* 20kg in weight. A doctor said he was surprised by Mr Gomez's *resilience* / *resilient*, saying: "He's a patient with high blood pressure, a *history* / *historical* of smoking and signs of undernourishment, but...in a few days we're going to *discharge* / *recharge* him." Members of a Uruguayan rugby team *famed* / *famously* survived sub-zero temperatures in the Andes for 72 days in 1972 by eating the bodies of fellow plane-crash victims.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SURVIVAL:** Make a poster about survival. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ANDES:** Write a magazine article about Mr Gomez. Include imaginary interviews with him and his rescuers.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to a mountain survival expert. Ask him/her three questions about surviving in the mountains. Tell him/her three adventures you would like to go on. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d F    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. disappeared | a. vanished     |
| 2. range       | b. chain        |
| 3. ordeal      | c. nightmare    |
| 4. shelter     | d. refuge       |
| 5. miracle     | e. wonder       |
| 6. rescued     | f. freed        |
| 7. survived    | g. stayed alive |
| 8. fared       | h. coped        |
| 9. resilience  | i. toughness    |
| 10. discharge  | j. release      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Before winter started
2. Argentina
3. His motorbike broke down
4. A shelter
5. A miracle
6. By helicopter
7. Leftover supplies
8. 20kg
9. A few days
10. 72 days

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)