

The miners who survived 69 days underground

Why is mining such a dangerous job? (*Well, I think it's dangerous because...*)

Vocabulary

1. techniques 2. collapsed 3. endured 4. setbacks 5. ordeal 6. dramatic

True Story

In 2010, 33 miners were trapped 700 metres underground in a Chilean mine after it _____. For over two months, they _____ extreme heat, limited food, and the constant fear of never being rescued. Their leader, Luis Urzúa, helped keep order and hope alive.

Above ground, engineer André Sougarret led a global rescue team, involving experts from NASA and other international organisations. The world watched as the miners' _____ unfolded, with over a billion people tuning in to see the _____ final rescue.

After using various advanced drilling _____ and overcoming multiple _____, all 33 miners were eventually brought to safety, in what remains one of the most extraordinary rescues in modern history. After being rescued, Luis Urzúa said, "We have done what the entire world was waiting for: we fought until the end."

Quiz

1. What were the miners in constant fear of?
2. How many people watched the final rescue?
3. In the end, what happened to the 33 miners?

True or False

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| 1. The miners were really hot, hungry and scared. | True False |
| 2. Experts from NASA tuned in to see the dramatic final rescue. | True False |
| 3. After overcoming multiple backaches, all the miners were brought to safety. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Luis, how did you keep everyone calm down there?
B: It wasn't easy, but we had to stay strong for each other.
A: André, how did you manage the rescue operation?
B: We had a great team and never gave up, even with setbacks.
A: I'm glad everyone made it out safely.
B: Me too. It was a true team effort.

Discussion

1. Have you ever been in a difficult situation and needed help?
2. Would you work in a gold mine if you could keep the gold?
3. Do you like watching rescue stories on TV? Can you remember any of them?