

The rugby team that survived a plane crash

What plane crashes do you remember?

Vocabulary

1. survivors 2. freezing 3. shocking 4. honours 5. crashed 6. choice

True Story

In 1972, a plane _____ in the Andes Mountains. On board were 45 people, including a Uruguayan rugby team. The _____ had no food and faced _____ weather. After many days, they made a _____ _____ to stay alive: they ate the bodies of those who had died.

Two men, Nando Parrado and Roberto Canessa, walked for 10 days through the mountains to find help. After 72 days, 16 people were rescued.

Now, the two rugby clubs meet every year to play the Friendship Cup. It _____ the game they were travelling to play but never could.

Quiz

1. How many people were on the plane?
2. What difficult choice did the survivors make to stay alive?
3. How long did Nando Parrado and Roberto Canessa walk to find help?
4. What is the name of the cup the rugby clubs play every year?

True or False

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| 1. A train crashed in the Andes Mountains. | True False |
| 2. The survivors put food in a freezer. | True False |
| 3. The Friendship Cup is played every year. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Nando, can you believe we made it out alive?
B: I know, Roberto! It really feels like a miracle.
A: Do you remember that long walk through the mountains?
B: How could I forget? My feet still hurt!
A: At least we have the Friendship Cup now.
B: Yeah, it's a good way to remember the people we lost.

Discussion

1. Have you ever played rugby or another team sport?
2. What would you do if you were stuck in the mountains?
3. Do you think you could walk for 10 days straight?
4. What's the longest time you've ever been without food?
5. Would you like to visit the Andes Mountains someday?