

The six boys that survived on an island

Have you ever been to a small, uninhabited island?

Vocabulary

1. drifted 2. rescued 3. skipped 4. permission 5. shelter 6. rudder

True Story

In 1965, six schoolboys in Tonga, aged 13 to 16, _____ school and took a small fishing boat without _____. They wanted to sail to Fiji or even New Zealand for an adventure. But a storm broke their sail and _____, and they _____ at sea for eight days with no food or water. Finally, they reached a small, empty island.

There, they survived by working together. They grew food, collected rainwater, built a _____, and kept a fire going. After 15 months, a fisherman saw smoke from the island and _____ them. Their families were shocked - they had thought the boys were dead. Amazingly, they were healthy and still good friends.

Quiz

1. How did the boys sail on the sea?
2. What broke during the storm?
3. How long did they stay on the island?
4. Who found the boys and rescued them?

True or False

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| 1. The boys reached the island after two weeks at sea. | True False |
| 2. They collected seawater, built a shelter, and kept a fire going. | True False |
| 3. Their families had already given up hope. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Can you believe we made it through 15 months here?
B: I know, right? I thought we'd never see home again!
A: Remember when we built that shelter? What a disaster at first!
B: Yeah, but it kept us dry, didn't it?
A: And that fire! I thought we'd never get it started.
B: Well, at least we'll never forget how to make one now!

Discussion

1. What would you do first if you were on an island alone?
2. Would you be scared to be on an island alone? Why?
3. What food would you miss the most if you were on an island?
4. If you could take three things to the island, what would you choose and why?