

Three times the US lost a nuclear bomb

What's the most important thing you've ever lost?

Vocabulary

1. concerns 2. vanished 3. weapons 4. recovered 5. 'Broken Arrows' 6. collision

True Story

Ever lost something important? Imagine losing a nuclear bomb. The U.S. military has, a few times.

In 1958, a bomb was dropped into the sea near Tybee Island, USA, after a mid-air _____. It's still missing, but luckily, it can't explode.

In 1966, over Palomares, Spain, four bombs fell after two planes collided. Although three were _____, one took two months to find, causing nuclear safety _____.

Then, in 1968, the USS Scorpion submarine _____ in the Atlantic with two nuclear _____, which remain lost. These 'Broken Arrows' show even the military can lose track of dangerous items.

Quiz

1. What happened to the bomb lost near Tybee Island?
2. How many bombs fell over Palomares, Spain in 1966?
3. What happened to the USS Scorpion submarine in 1968?

True or False

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| 1. The bomb lost near Tybee Island is probably still in the sea. | True False |
| 2. All four bombs that fell over Palomares, Spain were found immediately. | True False |
| 3. The two nuclear weapons on the USS Scorpion submarine were found. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Can you believe we lost another one?
B: Another what? Not another bomb?
A: Yes, another bomb. This one's in the Atlantic.
B: Well, at least it can't explode, right?
A: That's what they said about the last one.
B: Oh, boy. And to think I panic when I lose my phone!

Discussion

1. Have you ever had to carry something important? What was it?
2. If you lost a nuclear bomb, how would you tell your boss?
3. How can you hide something, but not forget where you've hidden it?