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Trekker lost in Andes found alive

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130911-andes-4.html>

A Uruguayan man who disappeared in winter in the Andes has been found alive and well. Raul Fernando Gomez, 58, got lost in a blizzard while crossing the Andes. His motorbike broke down in the mountains. His only choice was to walk and hope a town was nearby. He got lost in the snow. He found a shelter 2,840 metres above sea level. He hoped he could survive the freezing winter. A local governor said: "This is a miracle. We still can't believe it."

Mr Gomez was rescued by meteorological workers. They had gone to the shelter to record snowfall. Gomez had survived by eating rats and supplies left at the shelter. Doctors were surprised by his good health and said he was tough. He was very thin and had lost 20kg. He had high blood pressure and he smoked, but was allowed to leave hospital. In 1972, plane-crash survivors survived in the Andes for 72 days by eating the bodies of passengers who had died.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. disappeared in winter | a. and well |
| 2. found alive | b. above sea level |
| 3. got lost in | c. governor |
| 4. His motorbike broke | d. in the Andes |
| 5. 2,840 metres | e. down |
| 6. local | f. a blizzard |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. meteorological | a. blood pressure |
| 2. record | b. eating rats |
| 3. survived by | c. survivors |
| 4. lost | d. workers |
| 5. high | e. 20kg |
| 6. plane-crash | f. snowfall |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130911-andes-4.html>

A Uruguayan man (1) _____ winter in the Andes has been
(2) _____. Raul Fernando Gomez, 58, got lost in a blizzard
while crossing the Andes. His motorbike (3) _____
mountains. His only choice was to walk and (4) _____. He
got lost in the snow. He found a shelter 2,840 metres
(5) _____. He hoped he could survive the freezing winter.
A local governor said: " (6) _____. We still can't believe it."
Mr Gomez was rescued by (7) _____. They had gone to
the shelter to record snowfall. Gomez (8) _____ rats and
supplies left at the shelter. Doctors were (9) _____ good
health and said he was tough. He was very thin and had lost 20kg. He had
(10) _____ and he smoked, but was allowed to leave
hospital. In 1972, (11) _____ survived in the Andes for 72
days by eating the (12) _____ who had died.

SURVIVAL SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130911-andes-4.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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

