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Level 4 – 27th December, 2021

Madagascar minister swims for 12 hours after helicopter crash

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211227-survival-swim-4.html>

Madagascar's police minister has beaten the odds to survive a helicopter crash. Serge Gelle, 57, swam to the mainland on Tuesday after his helicopter crashed into the Indian Ocean. Mr Gelle was one of two passengers who survived. They both swam for 12 hours to reach the shore. Gelle used a helicopter seat as a float. At least 39 people died in the disaster. A police spokesperson said the death toll could increase over the next few days.

Mr Gelle was in high spirits, but looked totally exhausted. He mustered up the energy to talk about his ordeal. He said he ejected from the aircraft after it hit trouble. A colleague spoke about Mr Gelle. He said: "Gelle has always had great stamina....He has nerves of steel." Mr Gelle said: "My time to die hasn't come yet." He has served in the police force for 30 years. The cause of the crash is currently under investigation.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/dec/22/madagascar-minister-swims-12-hours-to-safety-after-helicopter-crash>
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/serge-gelle-official-swims-12-hours-shore-helicopter-crash-madagascar/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Madagascar's police | a. shore |
| 2. beaten the | b. could increase |
| 3. one of | c. as a float |
| 4. reach the | d. two passengers |
| 5. Gelle used a helicopter seat | e. few days |
| 6. A police | f. odds |
| 7. the death toll | g. minister |
| 8. over the next | h. spokesperson |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mr Gelle was in high | a. in the police force |
| 2. He mustered | b. spirits |
| 3. Gelle has always had great | c. investigation |
| 4. He has nerves | d. stamina |
| 5. My time to die | e. of the crash |
| 6. He has served | f. up the energy |
| 7. The cause | g. hasn't come yet |
| 8. currently under | h. of steel |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Madagascar's police minister has (1) _____ to survive a helicopter crash. Serge Gelle, 57, swam (2) _____ on Tuesday after his helicopter (3) _____ Indian Ocean. Mr Gelle was (4) _____ passengers who survived. They both swam for 12 hours to (5) _____. Gelle used a helicopter seat as a float. At least 39 people died in the disaster. A police spokesperson said the death toll could increase (6) _____ few days.

Mr Gelle was (7) _____, but looked totally exhausted. (8) _____ the energy to talk (9) _____. He said he ejected from the aircraft after it hit trouble. A (10) _____ Mr Gelle. He said: "Gelle has always had great stamina....He has (11) _____." Mr Gelle said: "My time to die hasn't come yet." He has served in the police force for 30 years. The cause of the crash (12) _____ investigation.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SURVIVAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211227-survival-swim-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) _____

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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) _____

