

## READING

Read the text and do the exercise.

### **Mexican fishermen**

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On 28 October 2005, three Mexican men set out on a three day shark-fishing trip. After they placed their shark-fishing equipment, they celebrated and prepared for the big catch. The next day, when they returned for their catch, they couldn't find their expensive equipment. They spent all their fuel looking for it. When they realized they had no fuel left, they were too far away from land to row back.

After four days they had no fresh water and no food left. For three days they didn't drink or eat anything. On the third day, they were so thirsty that they drank some sea water. But this only made them feel sick.

On the fourth day without water it started raining lightly. They cut the tops off their plastic fuel containers and washed them with sea water. When it started to rain more heavily, they were able to fill four fuel bottles.

Food was not so easy. They only ate twice in November. The first meal they had was a sea turtle that came up for some air. They lifted it out of the water, cut its head off, drank its blood and ate its raw flesh.

They continued to catch turtles and seabirds and with time they were able to catch larger fish. They salted and dried some of their meat to save it for times when they couldn't fish.

On 9 August 2006, a Taiwanese fishing boat spotted them. They were saved! Sixteen days later, they were back at home, where their town's people believed their survival to be a miracle.

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#### **Slovarček:**

**fishing equipment** – ribiška oprema

**fuel** – gorivo

**raw** – surovo

**row** – veslati

**Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Circle.**

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| 1 | The men started their trip in autumn 2005.    | T | F |
| 2 | They wanted to catch whales.                  | T | F |
| 3 | They ran out of fuel while they were fishing. | T | F |
| 4 | They got fresh water from the rain.           | T | F |
| 5 | They ate raw turtle.                          | T | F |
| 6 | Fishermen from Taiwan found them.             | T | F |
| 7 | The men spent one year at sea.                | T | F |