

BIG RIVER MAN

A) Listen and complete the story.



Martin Strel - or Big River Man, as he is often called – is a long-distance swimmer from Slovenia. Martin _____ himself to swim when he was six, and in 1997 he _____ the first man to swim from Africa to Europe by crossing the Mediterranean Sea. Seven people _____ to complete this swim without success. In 2002 Strel 4 _____ the length of the Mississippi, which _____ him 68 days.

The year before that he _____ the world non-stop record by swimming for 84 hours and 10 minutes without stopping. But he's probably best known as the man who _____ the length of the Amazon in 2007, something nobody 8 _____ before.

He _____ 5,268 km and _____ for over 10 hours a day. By the time he _____ at Belem, in Brazil, he _____ in the water for 66 days. He now runs an adventure swimming holiday company with his son in Slovenia.