

1 Read the text. Match sentences A-G with gaps 1-5 in the text. There are two extra sentences.

- A During this time, Steven saw nine ships.
- B Water was coming in and the boat was sinking fast.
- C But he couldn't swim back to the yacht.
- D It contained lots of useful information about surviving at sea.
- E He was planning to sail to the Caribbean.
- F Some men were fishing near Steven's raft.
- G Alone in the life raft, Steven travelled slowly across the Atlantic Ocean.

Alone at sea

- A** On 29 January 1982, Steven Callahan left the Canary Islands in a small yacht.
E But a week later, during an awful storm, something (probably a whale) hit the yacht and made a huge hole in it. **1** He had to act quickly!
- B** Steven got into an inflatable life raft and just had time to get a sleeping bag, a first-aid kit, some food, maps, and a torch from the yacht before it sank. He also managed to get a copy of a book called *Sea Survival*.
2 But he couldn't rescue the radio from the yacht.
- C** **3** His food ran out after a few days so he had to survive by catching sea-birds, fish and flying fish. He drank rain water which he caught in the raft.
- D** After about two months at sea, the raft was 3,300 km from the place where the yacht sank. **4** But unfortunately they didn't see him. He was beginning to think that he might not survive. He was starving, exhausted, weak and very thin.
- E** Finally, after 76 days, some fishermen saw the sea-birds that were flying around the raft and took Steven to the island of Guadeloupe. After his terrifying experience, he was finally in the Caribbean!



2- Read the text again and find the words for the following definitions:

- 1- _____ a means of transport used for sailing.
- 2- _____ very bad weather conditions.
- 3- _____ (verb in the Past) to finish something.
- 4- _____ (verb in the Past) for a ship not to float anymore.
- 5- _____ a flat structure made of wood used as a boat or floating platform.
- 6- _____ very hungry.