



1. Read the text again. Five sentences are missing. Match the sentences (1-6) to the gaps (A-E). There is one extra sentence.

The Worst Place to Take a Walk

On August 9th. 2010, Englishman Ed Stafford became the first man in history to walk the **entire** length of the Amazon River. To be exact he walked 4,000 miles in 28 months! But this brave explorer faced some terrifying **hazards** along the way!

The source of the Amazon River is high in the Andes Mountains. At first, it's a gentle **trickle**, but then it gathers speed and widens, eventually rushing into the Atlantic Ocean at 58 million gallons a second. The Amazon runs through the world's largest jungle which is home to a tenth of the world's animal and plant species. It is also one of the planet's most dangerous and **hostile** habitats. **A**_____ The dangers there are enough to **put** anybody **off**: floods, giant anacondas, jaguars, electric eels, drug smugglers, malaria, hostile tribes and sharp-toothed caiman crocodiles! So why did Ed want to walk there?

B_____ But his true inspiration was something even more important - the rainforest itself. Ed, who was a former army captain, used to lead jungle expeditions for a living, and saw how deforestation was destroying huge sections of rainforest. He desperately wanted to raise public awareness about the issue and knew that if he went on an adventure like this it would **grab** people's **attention**. So, on April 2nd. 2008, Ed set off from the jungles of Peru. From the start he kept a video blog so viewers could follow his progress online. Ed recorded his many **hair-raising** moments - the bites and stings he suffered, encounters with angry locals and his unforgettable meeting with a deadly pit viper. The snake, ready to strike, backed off at the last moment: lucky for Ed!

Ed faced endless challenges. After his GPS failed, he had to use a compass and a 60-year-old map to find his way. When he approached a village for supplies, he realised the village was no longer there so for a while he had to survive on piranha and turtles! **C**_____ One time, a swarm of wasps attacked him and stung him over 30 times. Another time, he had to inject himself with antibiotics for 3 weeks to stop a face-eating bug he caught!

Relationships weren't always easy, either. Only three months into his journey, Ed and his walking partner argued over an iPod and his partner returned to the UK. But then, a Peruvian forest worker, Gadiel Cho Sanchez, offered to join Ed for a few days. He ended up staying with him for two years'. One day, five canoes filled with an Amerindian tribe approached the pair. Some had their bows drawn; others even had shotguns. They were **furious** to find **foreigners** in their **territory**. Eventually, the chief let them go, but only if he could go with them. He became their guide for the next 47 days! The list of the difficulties goes on and on. **D**_____ He was determined to finish what he started.

Finally, after 860 days and 50,000 mosquito bites. Ed reached his final destination; the Atlantic coast of Brazil. But the last part of his journey was also the hardest. In the last week, he collapsed with exhaustion, got an **agonising** rash all over his body and then a fierce, 6-mile wide river nearly swept him out to sea. **E**_____ He is so happy that his achievement succeeded in raising lots of money and drawing attention to the many threats to the Amazon rainforest: the spectacular lungs of the planet and a natural wonder we must **conserve** at all costs!



1. Ed nearly gave up.
2. He constantly struggled to stay healthy.
3. Crossing under or over fallen trees, wading through mud, and walking through razor-sharp grass made progress painfully slow, but Ed never considered giving up.
4. Firstly, Ed wanted to prove that this walk was possible, simply because everyone said it couldn't be done!
5. But, somehow, Ed finally made it.
6. European explorers sailed it in the 16th century, but no one was brave enough to walk it.

A	B	C	D	E

2. Match the highlighted words with their meanings in the text from the list below. What part of speech is each word?

very angry *frightening*
dangerous and threatening
persuade to not do sth.

dangers *small flow* *whole* *protect*
attract interest quickly *very painful* *area*
walking through water/a soft substance *strangers*

agonising (_____):

conserve (_____):

entire (_____):

foreigners (_____):

furious (_____):

grab attention (_____ + _____):

hazards (_____):

hair-raising (_____):

hostile (_____):

put off (_____):

territory (_____):

trickle (_____):

wading (_____):