

Wider World 2. Unit 9. Listening and Reading

Listening

[WIDGB2_Utest_9_Listening.mp3] You will hear four teenagers talking about different outdoor activities. For questions 1–7, match the questions with the four speakers A–D. You need to use some of the letters more than once.

Questions	Speaker
1 Who explains why he/she gave up the activity?	
2 Who talks about trying the activity for the first time?	
3 Who talks about who he/she usually does the activity with?	
4 Who says the activity can be dangerous?	
5 Who says how much time he/she spends doing the activity now?	
6 Who talks about when he/she started doing the activity?	
7 Who talks about when he/she is next going to do it?	

Reading

For questions 1–6, read the article about a man's personal adventure in a boat and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- How old was Louis?
A 23
B 29
C 37
- When did the German sailors save Louis?
A in January
B in February
C in April
- What caused the problem with Louis's boat?
A bad weather
B a very large fish
C a hole in the boat
- Where did the ship find Louis?
A 320 km from the land
B 320 km from where he started
C 320 km from his father's house
- Why did Louis have plenty of food at the beginning?
A He was going on a long journey.
B The boat was also where he lived.
C He caught some really big fish.
- What did Louis worry about most?
A his health
B his family and friends
C seeing other ships or boats

Lost at Sea

American sailor Louis Jordan went missing in the sea for more than two months in 2015. He was found alive and well by a German ship, which took him from his small boat to safety. Jordan, 37, left Conway, South Carolina, on 23 January, telling his family he was going on a fishing trip for a few days to 'catch some really big fish'. His father called the police to report him missing on 29 January, when he didn't hear from his son. The Coast Guard (an organisation that helps people who are in trouble at sea) looked for Louis until 18 February, but then thought that he must be dead. The ship found him on 2 April.

The sailor said his boat turned upside down in the night during bad weather. The boat began filling with water, but it turned over again so it didn't sink and no more water got in.

His father, Frank, didn't think he would ever see his son again.

But 66 days later, the passing German ship found him 320 km from the coast of North Carolina.

Mr Jordan survived because he had quite a lot of food on his boat. It was also his home, so he had lots of clothes, tools and other equipment on board too. When there was no more food and water, he caught fish and collected as much rainwater as he could, but he didn't have enough. Jordan only drank about half a litre of water a day, which is just above the daily minimum needed to stay alive (300 ml–500 ml).

Mr Jordan says that when he first saw the German ship, he waved his hands slowly to show them that he needed help.

During his time alone, he was more worried about his family and friends, who would think he was dead, than he was about himself. As soon as he could, Mr Jordan had a very long and emotional phone call with his father.