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1 Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

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Bizarre and sinister things have **a.** in the Bermuda Triangle **b.** hundreds of years. Planes have mysteriously **c.** without any reason. Ships have been found without their crew, and no one has been able to explain **d.** The term 'Bermuda Triangle' was **e.** for the first time by the American writer Vincent Gaddis **f.** 1964. It describes the area that forms an almost perfect triangle between Bermuda, the east coast of Florida and Puerto Rico. Before 1964 the area was **g.** the Devil's Triangle, the Triangle of Death and the Graveyard of the Atlantic **h.** of all the mysterious disappearances there. Christopher Columbus was the first navigator to report strange happenings in the area of the Bermuda Triangle. In 1492, **i.** his voyage to the New World, Columbus wrote in his journal **j.** his compass stopped working in the area that we now call the Bermuda Triangle.

2 Question words

Complete the questions with *why*, *how*, *what* or *when*, and then answer the questions.

- a. are some of the other names for the Bermuda Triangle?
- b. strange thing happened to Christopher Columbus in the Bermuda Triangle?
- c. did Flight 19 take off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida?
- d. did experts explain the disappearance of Flight 19?
- e. many people disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle in the twentieth century?
- f. aren't gas bubbles a good explanation for the strange happenings in the Bermuda Triangle?
- g. did Lawrence Kusche explain most of the disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle?

**4 Listening – a real mystery?**

To help you understand the recording better, look up the following words in your dictionary: *sceptical*, *training flight*, *coastguard*, *fuel*. Now listen to the recording and for each question, put a (✓) in the correct box.

- 1 How many calls for help does the coastguard receive each year?
A ☐ 80,000
B ☐ 8,000
C ☐ 1,000
- 2 The weather in the Bermuda Triangle
A ☐ changes very quickly.
B ☐ is generally good.
C ☐ is generally bad.
- 3 Four of the five pilots of Flight 19 were
A ☐ ill.
B ☐ tired.
C ☐ students.
- 4 The planes of Flight 19 fell into the ocean because
A ☐ they exploded.
B ☐ they were destroyed by a hurricane.
C ☐ they finished their fuel.
- 5 The last caller invites Mr Sceptical
A ☐ on a boat trip to the Bermuda Triangle.
B ☐ on a plane trip over the Bermuda Triangle.
C ☐ to visit his friends in Florida.