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

because happened that why called
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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.

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