

**BIG RIVER MAN**

A) Listen and complete the story.



Martin Strel - or Big River Man, as he is often called – is a long-distance swimmer from Slovenia. Martin \_\_\_\_\_ himself to swim when he was six, and in 1997 he \_\_\_\_\_ the first man to swim from Africa to Europe by crossing the Mediterranean Sea. Seven people \_\_\_\_\_ to complete this swim without success. In 2002 Strel 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the length of the Mississippi, which \_\_\_\_\_ him 68 days.

The year before that he \_\_\_\_\_ the world non-stop record by swimming for 84 hours and 10 minutes without stopping. But he's probably best known as the man who \_\_\_\_\_ the length of the Amazon in 2007, something nobody 8 \_\_\_\_\_ before.

He \_\_\_\_\_ 5,268 km and \_\_\_\_\_ for over 10 hours a day. By the time he \_\_\_\_\_ at Belem, in Brazil, he \_\_\_\_\_ in the water for 66 days. He now runs an adventure swimming holiday company with his son in Slovenia.