

## Task 4

- Read this article about two lucky sailors and then read the gapped sentences (24-29) following the article.
- Your task is to complete the sentences with one or two words only based on the information in the text.
- The exact word(s) you need may or may not be in the article.
- Write the words on the lines as in the example (0).



### US SAILORS RESCUED AFTER FIVE MONTHS IN PACIFIC

Two US yachtswomen and their two dogs have been rescued after spending nearly five months lost in the Pacific Ocean.

Jennifer Appel and Tasha Fuiaba say they were on their way in a small sailing boat from Hawaii to Tahiti when their engine, damaged by a storm, failed. Their boat then drifted in the open seas about 1,500km southeast of Japan, they said. They were rescued after a fishing boat alerted US authorities.

The pair said they set off in May and their engine broke down at the end of that month. They originally thought they would be able to reach land with the help of only wind and sails. Ms Appel said they sent SOS signals daily for nearly 100 days but received no response. "It was very depressing and very hopeless, but it's the only thing you can do, so you do what you can," she said.

But on 24 October, a Taiwanese fishing boat saw their boat drifting in the ocean and contacted authorities on the US territory of Guam. The USS Ashland arrived early the following day to rescue the sailors and their two four-legged companions. They said they managed to survive this nightmare thanks to a water purifier and a year's worth of dry goods such as muesli and pasta.

"The US Navy saved our lives," Ms Appel said. "The pride and smiles we had when we saw them on the horizon were pure relief."

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0) *The two sailors and their dogs spent five months lost in the ocean.*

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24) Their \_\_\_\_\_ stopped because of bad weather.

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25) The yachtswomen got lucky when a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ noticed them.

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26) At first, the sailors hoped they would be able to arrive at their  
destination \_\_\_\_\_ the engine.

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27) The sailors' only hope was to send out \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

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28) The sailors were saved just one \_\_\_\_\_ after they were found on  
the 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

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29) The sailors had enough food to last for \_\_\_\_\_ in the boat.

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**This is the end of this part of the exam.**

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