

A dream holiday turned into a nightmare for an American brother and sister, Dan and Kate Suski. During a fishing trip in the Caribbean, their boat sank.

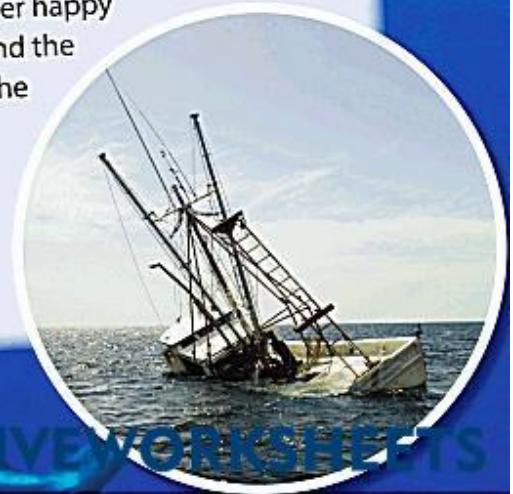
The weather wasn't **brilliant** that day, but Dan had caught a **huge** fish! He was trying to pull it onto the boat when the captain realised water was coming into the cabin. The boat was sinking fast. The captain used his radio to send a message for help. Then he shouted, "Jump out!"¹ They were about 15 km from land.

The captain said that help was coming. The weather was now **awful**, but they were wearing life jackets. After an hour, the captain and the Suskis lost each other, and there was no sign of rescue.² They were both thinking the same **terrifying** thought: sharks!

A helicopter appeared, but nobody saw Dan and Kate in the water. Day turned to night and the Suskis swam for fourteen hours. Finally, they saw some cliffs; they were near land!³ There were dangerous sharp rocks. By now, they were **exhausted**. Eventually, they reached a sandy beach.⁴

Then they found a town and picked some green bananas. Finally, they met a young farm worker.⁵ He also gave them some **tragic** news: the captain was lost at sea.

After a few days in hospital Dan and Kate were fine. Their story had another happy ending: a rescue boat found the captain after 23 hours in the water!



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