

5 READING & LISTENING

Phone call 1

"Everything went wrong. I only managed half a day on Wednesday, the first day, and on Thursday we started late, so I'm already ¹ _____. I've been suffering from the heat. It's absolutely ² _____, and the humidity is 100% at lunchtime. I went the wrong way and I had to paddle against the current. I was ³ _____! They asked me "Do you want to give ⁴ _____?" but I said, 'No!' Because I've also been having a wonderful time! There are pink dolphins - pink, not grey - that come close to the boat. I think that if I can do 100 kilometres a day, then I can make it."

Phone call 2

"I've been on the Amazon for a week now, and I've been paddling for six out of the seven days. The river is incredibly ⁵ _____, and it's very hard to paddle in a straight line. The water is so brown that I can't see my paddle once it goes under the surface. It looks like melted ⁶ _____. I start at 5.30 in the morning, and I ⁷ _____ for at least ten hours, from 5.30 a.m. until dark, with only a short break for lunch. My hands have been giving me problems - I have big blisters. I now have them bandaged in white tape. I'm usually on the water for at least ten hours; it's ⁸ _____ at times, exciting at others. I listen to music on my iPod. I've been listening to Don't Stop Me Now by Queen to inspire me! "

Phone call 3

"I haven't been ⁹ _____ very well this week. The problem is heat exhaustion. They say it's because I haven't been drinking enough water. I've been travelling 100 kilometres a day, which is my target. But yesterday after 84 kilometres I was feeling ¹⁰ _____, and my head was aching and I had to stop and rest. "