

## 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  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  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.