

## Woman survives after ten hours in the sea

### Elementary

#### 1 Warmer

Five of these countries have a coastline on the Adriatic Sea. Which ones?



#### 2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

coastguard    rescuer    cruise    float    calm    rough

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a journey on a ship for pleasure, especially one that visits a lot of places. (para 1)
2. If the sea is \_\_\_\_\_, the water does not move very much. (para 2)
3. If you \_\_\_\_\_, you rest or move slowly on the surface of water. (para 2)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is an organization that helps people or ships in danger near the coast. (para 3)
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who saves a person from a dangerous situation. (para 3)
6. If the sea is \_\_\_\_\_, there are a lot of waves because the weather is bad. (para 5)

#### 3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. How long did Kay Longstaff spend in the sea?
2. How far was the ship from the coast?
3. What was the temperature of the water?
4. When did the coastguard start looking for Ms Longstaff?
5. When did they find her?
6. How did she stay positive while she was in the water?

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- 1 A British woman spent ten hours in the sea. She had a very lucky escape. 46-year-old Kay Longstaff fell from a cruise ship in the Adriatic Sea at midnight on 18 August, 2018. The ship was 60 miles (about 96 kilometres) from the coast. It was on its way to the Italian city of Venice when she fell into the water from the back of the ship.
- 2 Ms Longstaff was lucky because the weather was very good. The sea was calm and there were no waves. The temperature of the Adriatic Sea in the middle of summer is around 28 degrees Celsius, which is warmer than the water in a swimming pool. She is a good swimmer and was able to swim and float near to the place where she fell into the water.
- 3 A coastguard boat from the Croatian town of Cavtat and a plane began looking for Ms Longstaff at 6.30 the next morning. The ship's captain told the Croatian coastguard the exact place where she fell into the water so the rescuers were able to look for Ms Longstaff in the correct area.
- 4 More than three hours later, at 9.40, the Croatian coastguard saw Ms Longstaff in the water. A member of the coastguard jumped into the water and pulled her onto the coastguard boat. She was tired and cold but very happy to be alive. She told her rescuers that she stayed positive while she was in the water by singing songs.
- 5 It was a very lucky escape. Good weather and technology helped to save her. In cold water (for example, 10–16 degrees Celsius) and rough sea, people can only survive for an hour or two. In very cold water (0–4 degrees Celsius), people can survive for only about 30 minutes.

#### 4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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| 1. The ship was 60 miles from the coast when ...   | a. ... it is more difficult to float when the sea is rough. |
| 2. She fell into the sea at midnight and ...       | b. ... found her at 9.40 the next morning.                  |
| 3. She was lucky that the sea was calm because ... | c. ... Kay Longstaff fell into the water.                   |
| 4. The sea was also quite warm ...                 | d. ... she sang songs to help her stay positive.            |
| 5. The Croatian coastguard ...                     | e. ... so it was easier for her to survive.                 |
| 6. While she was in the sea, ...                   | f. ... was in the water for about ten hours.                |

#### 5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. the of in summer middle
2. from coast about the kilometres ninety-six
3. happy be to alive very
4. two for or an hour

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#### 6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| 1. lucky      | a. ship    |
| 2. cruise     | b. weather |
| 3. coastguard | c. escape  |
| 4. good       | d. boat    |

#### 7 Find the word

Find the words in the text that match these definitions.

- twelve o'clock at night \_\_\_\_\_ (para 1)
- lines of water that rise up in the sea \_\_\_\_\_ (para 2)
- continue to believe that good things will happen or that a situation will get better \_\_\_\_\_ (para 4)
- stay alive \_\_\_\_\_ (para 5)

#### 8 Discussion

- Where are the best places to swim? Why have you chosen them?

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Albania, Italy, Slovenia, Montenegro, Croatia

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4. coastguard
5. rescuer
6. rough

#### 3 Find the information

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2. 60 miles (about 96 kilometres)
3. around 28 degrees Celsius
4. at 6.30 the next morning
5. at 9.40
6. by singing songs

#### 4 Comprehension check

1. c
2. f
3. a
4. e
5. b
6. d

#### 5 Chunks

1. in the middle of summer
2. about ninety-six kilometres from the coast
3. very happy to be alive
4. for an hour or two

#### 6 Two-word phrases

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b

#### 7 Find the word

1. midnight
2. waves
3. stay positive
4. survive