



Stowaways on Ship Rudder

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

motorway

NOUN

a multilane highway

He was driving on a motorway.

torrent

NOUN

a channel of a mountain stream

The storm turned the stream into a raging torrent.

remote

NOUN

distant physically

He likes traveling to remote lands.

lorry

NOUN

a truck used especially for transporting goods

I almost got hit by a lorry yesterday.

mudslide

NOUN

a moving mass of soil made fluid by rain

Many people got injured in a mudslide.

Exercise 2

Article

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Three stowaways were found hiding on the ship rudder during an 11-day journey from Nigeria to Spain. After they were rescued, they were sent to hospital and treated for moderate dehydration.

Authorities didn't make it clear if the three men spent the entire journey perched on the rudder. The Maltese-flagged Alithini II arrived on Monday in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, from Nigeria's largest city Lagos, which spanned over 2000 nautical miles according to collected data. The Men were taken to hospital and treated.

This wasn't the first incident where stowaways were found on rudders. In 2020, A 14-year old who traveled from Lagos to Gran Canaria told that he was hospitalized after surviving a 15-day trip staying on the rudder of a huge fuel tanker. He was able to survive against the salt water and took turns sleeping in a hole above the rudder with other passengers.

There were also many reports about Africans fleeing from Nigeria and hiding on the ships, just to survive from war.

Exercise 3

Question

1. How long did the stowaways spend on the rudder?
2. What happened to the stowaways after a long journey?
3. What almost kid a 14-year old stowaway during his escape?

Exercise 4

Discussion

1. What odd things have you done that put your life into danger?
2. Who helped you overcome such difficulties?
3. What can you sacrifice to achieve your goal?

Exercise 5

Quotes

Below listed some quotes from the movie, Stowaway. Choose at least two and discuss your understanding regarding the quotation.

“There is no way for all of us to survive.”

“I’m only telling you this because I need you to be mentally prepared for what’s going to happen.”

“For their sanity, they need to try this.”

“We’ve got some time and that’s the last resort. I’m not giving up on you.”

“Life is not defined by how much time you have. It is about time you have to spare. It is the smallest of choices that shape our destinies.”