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## Meeting - 3

Mobile Phone Call Rescue

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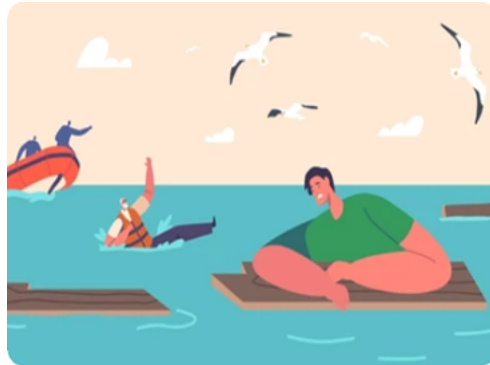
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# Main Story: Mobile Phone Call Rescue

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Source: [Mobile Phone Call Rescue Worksheet](#)

In 2010, Mark Corbett from Britain was sailing a boat in the Caribbean with two other sailors. They were sailing from Grenada to Puerto Rico, when there was a serious problem. The boat suddenly started sinking and Mark and his friends were in terrible trouble.



They couldn't use the long-range radio to call for help because there wasn't any electricity. They were too far from land to use the normal radio. Mark had the boat's satellite phone, but he didn't have a list of numbers or people to call. There was only one telephone number he could remember – the number of his best friend Alex Evans. But Alex wasn't in the Caribbean; he was in Wales, in Great Britain.

Alex was shopping in town with his mother when Mark called him. At first, Alex thought Mark was joking. Then he realized that his friend was very frightened and he was telling the truth. Luckily, Alex works on a lifeboat, so he knew what to do. He asked Mark for the details of the boat's position and wrote them onto a shop receipt. Then, while he was standing in the shop, Alex called the Maritime Rescue Centre in Cornwall in the south-west of England. They quickly organized an international rescue operation with coastguards in the United States.

In only 3 hours, American rescue planes were flying over the Caribbean and looking for Mark's boat. By a miracle they found the sinking boat. It was taking in a lot of water and the boat was sinking fast. The planes sent details to the American coastguards so that they could find Mark's boat. The coastguards went to sea and pulled Mark's boat back to the island of St Kitts.

## Find in the Text

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- Two countries of the UK: \_\_\_\_\_
- A synonym of “scared”: \_\_\_\_\_
- A synonym of “quickly”: \_\_\_\_\_
- Three long-distance communication tools:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

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1. When was Mark sailing the Caribbean?
  2. Who was with him on the boat?
  3. Why didn't he use the long-range radio?
  4. Where was Alex when Mark called him?
  5. How long did it take for rescue planes to find Mark?
  6. What do you think of Alex's reaction?
  7. Would you know what to do if a friend called you in an emergency?
- Have you ever been in an emergency?

## Grammar Practice: Past Simple vs Past Continuous

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Fill in the blanks with the correct form:

1. Max \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) his car when the telephone rang.
2. While Sue \_\_\_\_\_ (shop), a man stole her bag.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) some postcards while I was sunbathing.
4. Helen \_\_\_\_\_ (water) the plants when she spotted that little snake.
5. John \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) some cola while he \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the film.
6. The coastguards \_\_\_\_\_ (rescue) Mark while the boat \_\_\_\_\_ (sink).
7. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when he \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) that strange noise.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my wallet while I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the museum.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the cat \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) on the bed.

## Part 2 – Movie Trailer: "Robots" (Comparatives)

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Video Lesson Source:

[Robots Trailer ESL Lesson – ISLCollective](#) 

### Video Quiz Questions

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1. Unmix the sentence:

*an / This / old / city / is*

2. The woman robot is ... than the man robot.

- ☐ shorter
- ☐ taller
- ☐ smaller

3. The red robot is ... than the blue robot

- ☐ younger
- ☐ older
- ☐ faster
- ☐ slower

4. He is ... than the small robot.

- ☐ smart
- ☐ smarter
- ☐ more smart
- ☐ smartter

5. Unmix the sentence:

*The / red / robot / is / sadder / than / the / blue / robot*

6. The trip is very ...

- ☐ safe
- ☐ dangerous
- ☐ bad
- ☐ good

7. Unmix the sentence:

*The / green / robot / is / bigger / than / other / robots*

8. She is a ... woman robot.

- ☐ more beautiful
- ☐ beautiful
- ☐ beautifuller

9. Fill the gap:

The robot on the left is \_\_\_\_\_.

10. This robot is ...

- ☐ uglier
- ☐ ugly
- ☐ more ugly
- ☐ ugly than

11. The red robot is ... than other robots.

- ☐ noisy
- ☐ noisier
- ☐ noisyer
- ☐ more noisy

12. He is a ... robot.

- ☐ funnier
- ☐ funny
- ☐ sad
- ☐ fat

## Resources Used

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-  [Mobile Phone Call Rescue Worksheet](#) 
-  [Robots Movie ESL Video](#) 