

Stories of Ocean Survival (B)

Instructions: Read your story of extreme survival and complete the table below the text. You will have to retell this story to another group but you can only use the information from the table to help you tell the story. You can't read directly from the original text.

Jose Salvador Alvarenga is a fisherman from El Salvador who was living and working on the Pacific coast of Mexico. In November of 2012 he and a partner went out to sea in a 7 meter fiberglass boat to catch sharks. The trip was supposed to last 1 day but they were caught in a 5 day storm which damaged their engine and radio. They lost most of their fishing equipment too. The men caught fish, turtles, jellyfish, and seabirds with their hands. They collected some rainwater but not much. Mostly they had to drink turtle blood and their urine to survive. Jose's partner died after 4 months at sea. The boat drifted more than 9,000 km across the ocean and Jose eventually landed on a small island in the Marshall Islands. He was rescued by a local family and given fresh food and water for the first time in 438 days.

He wrote a book but he was later sued (*demandado*) by the parents of his dead partner. They accuse him of eating their son but he denies this.

Who, When, and Where?	Cause of the Emergency?
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Survival Strategies?	Their Rescue and What Happened Next?
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Additional Discussion Questions

Instructions: If you have time, discuss these questions with your partners.

- What do you think is the most surprising detail of the story?
- Have you heard of similar stories to this one?
- Beside the ocean, where do you think would be a difficult place to survive? What strategies could you use?

Group Share

Instructions: When your partners tell their story, take notes in the table below. After all the groups tell their stories, try to identify similarities between the three stories.

Details of Story A	Details of Story C
Similarities Between Stories A, B, and C	