

## Life on a Desert Island

- 1- Form (v.) = make
- 2- Unrealistic (adj.) = unreal = not real = imaginary
- 3- Picture (n.) = image = idea
- 4- Imagine (v.) = think of = picture = visualize = conceive
- 5- Sort (n.) = type = kind
- 6- Paradise (n.) = Eden = nirvana
- 7- Opposite (n.) = contrary = converse = reverse
- 8- Wretched (adj.) = very bad
- 9- Starve (v.) = suffer extreme hunger
- 10- Perhaps (adv.) = probably = maybe
- 11- Opportunity (n.) = chance
- 12- Badly (adv.) = seriously
- 13- Journey (n.) = voyage = trip = excursion
- 14- Dinghy (n.) = a small open boat
- 15- Tin (n.) Br. = can Am.
- 16- Arrive at (v.) = reach
- 17- Hardly any = almost no
- 18- Plenty (n.) = a lot
- 19- Put (v.) = express
- 20- Tanker (n.) = a large ship for carrying liquid or gas
- 21- Genuinely (adv.) = really = sincerely = honestly

After we have read the passage and explained the meanings of some of the words in it, it is time to answer the comprehension questions. These are done below:

- 1- The men's boat was damaged.
- 2- They were taking it to Miami to have it fixed.
- 3- It began to sink on the way.

- 4- The men loaded food, matches and tins of beer onto a rubber dinghy.
- 5- They rowed across the Caribbean.
- 6- They arrived at a tiny coral island.
- 7- The men collected water in their dinghy during their stay there.
- 8- They caught fish and lobster with a spear gun.
- 9- They ate like kings for five days.
- 10- They were rescued by a passing tanker.

Now our task is to link the sentences above so as to create a précis. Here is an attempt below:

As the men's boat was damaged, they were taking it to Miami to have it fixed, but it began to sink. They loaded food, matches and tins of beer onto a rubber dinghy rowing across the Caribbean until they arrived at a tiny coral island. During their stay there, they collected water in their dinghy catching fish and lobster with a spear gun. For five days they ate like kings when finally they were rescued by a passing tanker.