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Stuck in the Mud

1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

BRIDGEWATER, MASS., USA   ¹One winter day, Mike Hill was **hunting** for birds near a **lake**. The ground was wet, and his boots got stuck* in the **mud**. He could not get out. ²Hill quickly **became** cold and **scared**, and he phoned for help.

³First, three fire fighters came to **save** Hill but had no **success**. They tried to get to him by boat, but their **engine** got stuck in the mud. So they tried to walk to Hill, but their boots got stuck. Now no one **was able to** move! ⁴Then a policeman and a dog came in a special car with large wheels. It got stuck, too.

⁵Finally, a **helicopter** arrived to save the day. It pulled everyone up from the mud **safely**. **One by one**, Hill, the fire fighters, the policeman, and the dog went up through the trees in a muddy **basket**. ⁶"It was a pretty big **mess**," said the helicopter **pilot**.

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*stuck: cannot move

NEW WORDS

hunt *v*	become *v*	success *n*	helicopter *n*	basket *n*
lake *n*	scared *adj*	engine *n*	safely *adv*	mess *n*
mud *n*	save *v*	be able to *v*	one by one *adv*	pilot *n*

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an **X**.

Not at All   A Lot
①   ②   ③   ④   ⑤

3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–6.

a. _2_ His boots got stuck.

b. _1_ Hill was hunting near a lake.

c. _5_ A helicopter arrived.

d. _3_ He was scared and called for help.

e. _6_ It pulled everyone up in a muddy basket.

f. _4_ Fire fighters and a policeman got stuck, too.

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4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

a. Hill was hunting for birds when he got stuck in the mud

b. He was not able to move and be became cold.

c. Fire fighters had no success when they tried to save Hill.

d. The engine of their boat got stuck, and they did, too.

e. Finally, a helicopter pilot pulled everyone up in a basket

5. Listen to the story ● track 10

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.

6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

a. What was Hill doing near the lake? *he was hunting because hes boots got stuck in the mad*

b. Why did he phone for help?

c. Who came to save him? *Police men*

d. How did the helicopter pull everyone up? *basket*

About you...

e. Would you like to ride in a helicopter? Why or why not? *no*

f. Think of a time when you were scared. What happened?

g. Have you ever been in a big mess? What happened? *every day cause*

h. Many people hunt. What do you think of the sport?
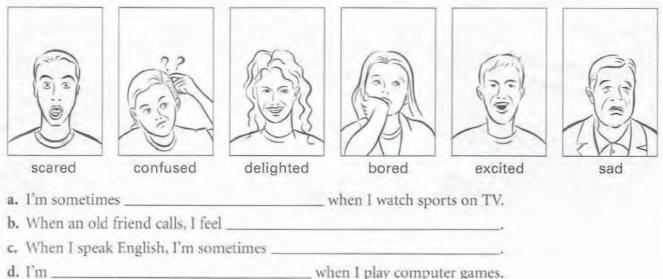
8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

MESS		
be		*It was a pretty big mess.*
		My closet is a terrible mess.
make	a (terrible / big / huge) mess	We made a huge mess when we cooked.
		Joni often makes a mess in the car.
clean up		I need to clean up the mess on my desk.
		Please clean up that terrible mess!

a. _____ is a _____ mess.

b. I made _____ mess when _____.

c. I need to _____ the mess in/on _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

FEELINGS

scared   confused   delighted   bored   excited   sad

a. I'm sometimes _____ when I watch sports on TV.

b. When an old friend calls, I feel _____.

c. When I speak English, I'm sometimes _____.

d. I'm _____ when I play computer games.

10. Take a dictation   🔊 track 11

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

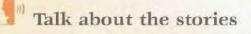|			
scared	saved	lake	were not able to
	safely	mud	a terrible mess

MEN GET STUCK IN A LAKE

SALISBURY, N.C., USA   Two young men in North Carolina got stuck in the mud while they were running away from police. Kevin Chawlk, 17, and Richard Neri, 20, were driving their car too fast, so two policemen began to follow them. Then the men became **(1)** _____ and drove even faster. The car finally crashed into a tree. The men jumped out and began to run across a muddy area near a **(2)** _____. The weather was very cold, and one man was only wearing pants and a T-shirt. Both men lost their shoes and got stuck in the cold **(3)** _____. They **(4)** _____ move.

It took police three hours, but they got the men out **(5)** _____. It was **(6)** _____! "We **(7)** _____ them, so they didn't die from the cold," a policeman said. "They weren't too smart!"

Talk about the stories

How are the stories of Mike Hill and the two young men, Kevin Chawlk and Richard Neri, similar? How are they different?