

Worksheet 1 - Trapped Trapped in Real Life

For the first time, the true horror of his situation dawned on him. He was trapped.

The boy in the story *Trapped* faces the terrifying situation of death by entrapment. Luckily, he is able to survive this horrific experience and all ends well. In reality, there are well-known stories of people who have faced life-threatening situations by accidentally becoming trapped and despite the odds, survived to tell the tale.

Task 1: Read through the following scenarios about people who survived becoming trapped in real life:

<p>Real Life 'Trapped' Scenario #1:</p> <p>Stuart Diver was the sole survivor of the Thredbo landslide in 1997. He was trapped for 67 hours in sub-zero temperatures in the rubble of his own home after it collapsed around him while he was sleeping.</p>	<p>Real Life 'Trapped' Scenario #2:</p> <p>In 1988, a team of cave divers were trapped in an underground cavern near Cocklebiddy, Western Australia for nearly 36 hours. A freak storm triggered a landslide of mud and boulders causing the entrance to become blocked.</p>
<p>Real Life 'Trapped' Scenario #3:</p> <p>In 2006, a rock fall caused a gold mine to collapse in Beaconsfield, Tasmania. As a result, two miners, Brant Webb and Todd Russell, were trapped nearly a kilometre underground for 14 days.</p>	<p>Real Life 'Trapped' Scenario #4:</p> <p>In the American state of Utah, Aron Lee Ralston survived a canyoneering accident in 2003, by amputating his own right arm. His arm had been trapped beneath a dislodged boulder for 5 days and 7 hours.</p>

Task 2: Choose one of the scenarios above to research. Retell the full version of the story in your own words by describing what happened before, during and after the actual event. Present your 'true tale' to an appropriate audience in e-book format. Use the Ziptales Main Library story - *No Second Chances* (True Tales) as an example to help get you started (it is also the true story of people who survived after becoming trapped).

Extension Activity:

- Think about a time in your life where you felt completely helpless in a situation and it greatly affected you. Compose a reflective text about this time and share it with an audience.