# Lesson 87: Trapped in a Mine.

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Why is the rescue taking so long?

Six men have been trapped in a mine for seventeen hours.

If they are not brought to the surface soon, they may lose their lives.

However, rescue operations are proving difficult.

If explosives are used, vibrations will cause the roof of the mine to collapse.

Rescue workers are therefore drilling a hole on the north side of the mine.

They intend to bring the men up in a special capsule.

If there had not been a hard layer of rock beneath the soil, the men would have completed the job in a few hours.

As it is, they have been drilling for sixteen hours, and they still have a long way to go.

Meanwhile, a microphone, which was lowered into the mine two hours ago, has enabled the men to keep in touch with their closest relatives.

Though they are running out of food and drink, the men are cheerful and confident that they will get out soon.

They have been told that rescue operations are progressing smoothly.

If they knew how difficult it was to drill through the hard rock, they would lose heart.

Six men who have been trapped in a mine for seventeen hours may lose their lives because rescue operations are proving difficult.

Since explosives might cause the roof of the mine to collapse, rescue workers are drilling a hole through hard rock, but progress is slow.

Two hours ago, a microphone was lowered into the mine, and the men have been in touch with their relatives.

They are running short of food and drink, but they are in good spirits.

Several men had already been trapped in a mine for nearly twenty-four hours.

And the rescue was still going on.

The rescue workers had been drilling holes for over twenty hours, but they still had a long way to go.

During the rescue operation, there was a loud explosive noise and vibration as well, which caused the roof of the mine to collapse.

Meanwhile, a microphone, which had been lowered into the mine to keep in touch with the men inside, became silent owing to the collapse.

An hour late, the men's voices were heard again through the microphone.

This proved that they were all right.

The workers began drilling again.

The collapse, however, had made things easier, and the rescue operation was progressing more smoothly.

Finally, the men were brought to the surface one by one.

At this moment, all the people outside became excited, and the men's relatives were moved to tears.

If he had fitted safety belts to his car, he would not have been injured.

The man would have been saved if a helicopter had been available.

If you come home late, you will find the key under the mat.

I would have found the house easily if he had given me the correct address.

If smoking is forbidden, illnesses will be reduced.

They are running out of food.

A crowd of boys ran after the beggar.

That boy was nearly run over by a car.

Don't drive so fast.

This car hasn't been run in yet.

I ran into Helga while I was in Sweden.

I ran into an old friend of mine in a restaurant yesterday.

While driving to work yesterday, I ran out of petrol and had to walk to a garage.

This car will have to be serviced as soon as it has been run in.

She's been taken to the hospital.

She was run over by a car.

I ran after him, but I could not catch him.

They are drilling through the hard rock.

This is the safest way to rescue the men.

Rescue operations are proving difficult, so it is not certain that the men will be saved.

They have been trapped for seventeen hours.

They tried to come up seventeen hours ago.

Unless they are brought to the surface soon, they may lose their lives.

It's proving difficult to rescue the men.

Vibrations will cause the roof to collapse.

They will make it collapse.

They would have completed the job in a few hours but for the hard layer of rock.

The roof might collapse.

It might fall down.

The microphone enabled them to keep in touch.

It made it possible for them to keep in touch.

They are running out of food.

They haven't much.

The men are cheerful.

They are in good spirits.

They may lose heart.

They may give up in despair.

If they knew how difficult it was to drill through the hard rock, they would lose heart.