BBC Learning English Words in the News 25 April 2012 Football crosses ocean



Transcript:

This is a **well-travelled** football!

Identified thanks to the names written on it, the ball was **set adrift** by the tsunami that hit Japan over a year ago. It was **washed ashore** in Alaska!

Its proud owner is Misaki Murakami: he received this treasured **possession** from his schoolmates when he got transferred to another school. The teenager became a minor celebrity after it was **located**.

Vocabulary:

well-travelled

(someone or something) that has been to lots of places

set adrift

carried away by the sea with no specific direction

washed ashore

brought to the coast by the sea

possession

someone's belonging

located

found somewhere

Watch the video online: Football crosses ocean http://bbc.in/l5Um65

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from BBC news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

well-travelled / set adrift / washed ashore / possession / located

- 1. By the end of the morning, dozens of boxes have _____, and fishermen run around trying to gather as many as possible.
- 2. The explorer who _____ the wreck of the Titanic nearly 30 years ago says more needs to be done to protect it from damage.
- 3. Last month around a thousand Rohingyas were towed out to sea and _____ by the Thai military, said survivors who reached India and Indonesia.
- 4. Seventy-year-old Mohammed Islamta arranges his few meagre _____ carefully in the dust: a mat, a cooking pot and traditional Tuareg tea-pot and stove, the only things he managed to bring as he fled his home near Menaka in Mali just over a month ago.
- 5. They are _____ in reality as well as in cyberspace and are familiar with different societies and different ways of doing politics.

Answers:

1. By the end of the morning, dozens of boxes have washed ashore, and

fishermen run around trying to gather as many as possible.

Source: Ecuador film shows growing reach of drugs trade

http://bbc.in/IHRayd

2. The explorer who located the wreck of the Titanic nearly 30 years ago says

more needs to be done to protect it from damage.

Source: Titanic anniversary: Explorer wants more preservation

http://bbc.in/HoOib0

3. Last month around a thousand Rohingyas were towed out to sea and set

adrift by the Thai military, said survivors who reached India and Indonesia.

Source: UN awaits Thai reply on migrants

http://bbc.in/K5dC1x

4. Seventy-year-old Mohammed Islamta arranges his few meagre possessions

carefully in the dust: a mat, a cooking pot and traditional Tuareg tea-pot and

stove, the only things he managed to bring as he fled his home near Menaka in

Mali just over a month ago.

Source: Tuareg rebels make troubled return from Libya to Mali

http://bbc.in/yHFmyl

5. They are well-travelled - in reality as well as in cyberspace - and are familiar

with different societies and different ways of doing politics.

Source: Italians find voice and punish Silvio Berlusconi

http://bbc.in/kvBdl0