

A Nation's Heroes

Name Class Date

Before you watch

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

dangerous mines miners story trapped underground

People who work in gold, diamond, copper or coal
 1 mines are called 2 miners. They work
 deep 3 underground. It can be a very 4 dangerous
 job. In 2010, a group of miners got 5 trapped in the
 San José mine in Chile. People around the world followed the
 6 story of what happened to them.



While you watch

2 Watch the first part of the video (up to 00:50) and answer the questions.

- How much did the rock that closed the exit to the mine weigh? 700,000 tons.
- What did the families of the miners call their camp? Esperanza.
- How many metres down was the miners' refuge? 700 metres.

3 Watch the rest of the video (from 00:51) and complete the sentences with the numbers in the box.

69 33 17

- 17 days after the accident, the rescue workers found the miners' refuge.
- The miners spent 69 days in the mine.
- All 33 miners were rescued from the mine.

4 Now watch the whole video again and circle the correct option.

- Hundreds / Thousands of people work in the mines in the Atacama Desert in Chile.
- The rescue workers gave the miners two things: a phone and a computer / camera
- There was one drill / were two drills in South America that were big enough to drill the hole.
- A million / billion people around the world watched the rescue on TV.

After you watch

5 Imagine you are one of the Chilean miners trapped in the mine. Write five short diary entries to describe your experience.

Day 1. We don't have very much food to eat. Everybody is scared and tired.

Day 10. We miss our families very much.

Day 15. Some of the men are very unhappy. But we tell jokes and sing songs to make everybody feel better.

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Students' own answers