

A Car Drives Into The Niagara Falls

LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE



Last Wednesday, people saw a car **floating** in the Niagara River near the Niagara Falls on the US-Canada border.

The car was almost completely under water, and police used a drone to see if somebody was inside. A helicopter brought a diver who got into the car. Luckily, the car was not locked, so the man did not need to break a window. Sadly, when he got inside the car, he saw that the driver was dead. It was a very brave rescue because the water near the falls was very rough, and there was a strong icy wind.

Police learned that the driver was a woman in her late 60s, and she lived in the area. The **investigation** did not finish yet, but it seemed that the woman drove into the water **intentionally**.

Difficult words: float (to move slowly and easily on water or in the air), **investigation** (the process when police learn how something happens), **intentionally** (when a person does something because he wants to do it or because it is his plan).



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Discussion Questions

Topic Talk

- 1. Define the following words: float, investigation and intentionally
- According to the article, where did people see the floating car?
- 3. Why did the police need a drone to see if somebody was inside the car?
- 4. How did they rescue the driver of the floating car? Did the driver survive?
- 5. Why was the rescue dangerous for the diver to do?
- 6. Based on initial investigation, what did the police believe happened to the woman?

Express Your Thoughts

- 1. Have you ever seen the Niagara Falls and Niagara River in person? *If yes,* what were they like? *If no,* would you like to see these wonders in the future?
- 2. Do you know how vicious the water is in the Niagara Falls that flows to the river?
- 3. Do you think it would be possible for people to survive if they jumped from the falls?