



# 'Dead' Spanish doctor found alive in Italian forest after 19 years

*A Spanish doctor, declared legally dead in 2010, has been found living in a tent deep in the forest of Tuscany by two Italian mushroom pickers*

**bout (n):** a short period of intense activity of a specified kind

**claim (v):** state or assert that something is the case, typically without providing evidence or proof

**stumble across (p.verb):** to find someone or something, usually by accident

**foragers (n):** a person who looks for food and provisions

**eager (adj):** someone who is very enthusiastic

**greet (v):** to say hello, to welcome somebody

**battered (adj):** damaged by age and repeated use

**faded (adj):** something that has lost its original colour

**snap (v):** to take a quick photo (in this context)

**search (v):** to look for something

Carlos Sánchez, now 47, disappeared from his home in Seville province in 1996 during a **bout** of severe depression.

After nothing was seen or heard of the man originally from Bilbao for 14 years he was legally declared dead by the Spanish authorities.

But two weeks ago a man **claiming** to be Carlos was found by two mushroom pickers, who **stumbled across** his camp in on a thickly wooded hillside outside Scalino, a town in Tuscany. The two **foragers** had been **eager** to find some mushrooms in the woods after a weekend of heavy rainfall, but after having no luck, the pair decided to venture off the footpath to try and turn their fortunes around.

But instead of finding mushrooms, they found a trail of plastic bottles and dirty plastic water canisters which they

followed until they **stumbled across** the camp of the man, who reportedly had "a dirty face and large beard". Terrified, the two men ran back towards the footpath but returned a few hours later with the head forest ranger. After reaching the camp, the man came out to **greet** them.

"I'm Spanish, my name is Carlos and I've been living here since 1997," he said. "I don't want to live among people: now that you have found me I need to get out of here."

But before Carlos packed up his camp the group asked him to prove his story, at which the hermit pulled out a **battered, faded** and long-expired passport bearing the name Carlos Sánchez. Before leaving, the group managed to **snap** a photo of his passport with their smartphones.

Using the photos the foragers were able to notify the authorities about the man's presence in the woods as well as the missing persons' association. The authorities quickly tracked down his family, who arrived in Italy on Friday.

On Saturday morning his parents joined a **search** party but there was no sign of him and although his parents will search on, he may never be found again.

It is not known how he managed to survive in the wood for so long – some theories suggest he found a way to cultivate food, while others suggest he has survived thanks to midnight raids on dustbins at the edge of nearby towns such as Scarlino.

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"Let's chat about that!"

- Why did Carlos go missing?
- How did the mushroom pickers come across him?
- How did Carlos react to being found?
- How do you think his parents feel?
- How will the story unfold?
- Do you know a story about a missing person?

## Weekly English Practice

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# “iLook, iThink, iSpeak” Express yourself better!

- a. A lost cause
- b. Like a lost soul
- c. Lost for words
- d. lost on
- e. no love lost
- f. make up for lost time
- g. lost without
- h. lost in the mist of time
- i. get lost

Answer Key: a6, b7, c2, d8, e3, f9, g4, h1, i5

## Idioms with **LOST**

MATCH THE IDIOMS IN THE GREEN BOX WITH THE DEFINITIONS IN THE YELLOW ONE

1. everyone has forgotten it because it happened such a long time
2. unable to think of something to say
3. No affection; animosity
4. unable to function without someone or something
5. go away
6. someone that has no chance of success
7. walking slowly without direction or purpose in a way that makes them look sad
8. wasted on someone; not valued or appreciated by someone.
9. to spend a lot of time doing something because you did not have the opportunity to do it previously

### Warning!!

Bad joke  
beow!!

My local newspaper has a 'lost and found' section. One day I was reading it and saw this: "Found, one black boy's bicycle". I wonder how they knew?

### Similar Interests - New Day



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## Similar Interests

(members include an ECP coach and student!)  
perform this Saturday to launch their first album

### 'New Day'.

Time: 19:30 Place: Luis Aranburu Music School  
(108 Correría Street)

(Free entry!)

Afterwards, at around 22:00, they will go to Bar El Agüelo (99 Zapatería Street) to have a drink and sing some songs.

They sing in English, Spanish and Basque.



**DID YOU WATCH 'LOST'?** Lost was a critically acclaimed and popular TV series. It has been consistently ranked by critics on their lists of the top ten television series of all time. It contributed to the change in television viewing habits as many people took advantage of broadband internet connections to download the episodes, rather than wait until they were available on their local TV stations.

**IF YOU WATCHED 'LOST', WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT IT? GIVE YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:** It was too long - It was too complicated - There were too many characters - The ending was rubbish - Season 4 was the best **AND..** What was the 'Smoke Monster'?