

IDENTIFYING MAIN POINTS – Survival in the Andes (PAGE 84-85)

Write (Y) next to the main points and (N) on the sentences that are just supporting details.

	PARAGRAPH	MAIN POINTS	
P1	Twenty-nine people died in the crash and in the weeks following it. On the mountain, it was freezing cold and the survivors stayed inside the crashed plane to stay warm. They had very little food and were in very great danger while they waited for a rescue team. After 11 days on the mountain, they found a small radio on the plane and they heard the news that the rescue teams had stopped searching for them. All hope was gone. They were alone and terrified.	The survivors stayed inside the plane.	
		They had very little food and in great danger while they waited for a rescue team.	
		They heard news that the rescue teams had stopped searching for survivors.	
P2	Days became weeks. Two months after the crash, after they had waited for summer to arrive, three of the passengers, Roberto Canessa, Nando Parrado and Antonio Vizintin, left to search for help. Each man wore three pairs of socks, with a plastic bag around each foot to keep the water out, boots, four pairs of trousers and four jumpers. Many of the clothes were from the people who had died in the crash. They also took with them a large sleeping bag that they had made. Only they could save the others now.	At summer, three men amongst the survivors left the crash location to look for help.	
		They wore three pairs of socks, plastic over their foot, boots, trousers and jumpers for the trip.	
		Only the 3 men could save the others.	
P3	How did these brave young men cope with the journey? None of them had climbed mountains before and it was hard. They climbed very dangerous, icy peaks, trying to reach the top of the mountain. Some days later, exhausted and cold, they reached it. They had imagined this moment for days. On the other side of the mountain, they wanted to see a valley below that would take them out of the mountains. But instead of a valley, they saw more of the same snowy peaks. Lots of them. They weren't near the end of the mountains; they were in the middle of them. What could they do now?	They climbed very icy peaks, trying to reach the top of the mountain.	
		Some days later, exhausted and cold, they reached it.	
		But instead of a valley, they saw more of the same snowy peaks.	
P4- P5	But there was still hope. Parrado saw two low peaks about 65 kilometres away that didn't have snow on them. If they could get there, they would be out of the high Andes. But to reach the peaks, they would need to walk for more days and they didn't have enough food. But Parrado had a solution: Vizintin could return to the plane and he and Canessa would take his food. They agreed the plan, and Canessa and Parrado continued their journey. As they walked, the area around them slowly began to change. The men discovered a small river; the sun was warmer. After a few days of walking, the snow had disappeared completely and flowers were everywhere. "This is the valley," Canessa said excitedly. "This is the way out!"	If they could get there, they would be out of the Andes.	
		Vizintin could return to the plane and he and Canessa would take his food.	
		As they walked the area began to change.	

P6	Soon, they saw a few cans on the ground and some farm animals in a field. They knew there must be people somewhere nearby. On December 21st, after ten days, the exhausted men reached the town of Los Maitenes in Chile, and a rescue team went to save the other passengers high up in the Andes.	They saw cans on the ground and some farm animals in the field.	
		After 10 days, the men reached the town of Los Maitenes in Chile.	
		The rescue team saved the other passengers in the Andes.	