

UNIT 7: EXTREME SITUATIONS

WRITING: A STORY (2)

SECTION A, B AND C

A Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He stopped running, took the mobile phone out of his pocket and _____ (throw) it into the river.
- 2 The family _____ (sit) in the garden when they heard the blast.
- 3 Jane couldn't believe that she _____ (make) such a dangerous journey on her own.
- 4 Everyone was exhausted because they _____ (run) for miles.
- 5 She jumped up and _____ (chase) the thief down the street.
- 6 It was the perfect location. Palm trees _____ (sway) gently and the sun _____ (shine) brightly.
- 7 They were getting ready for bed when they _____ (hear) a knock at the door.
- 8 Throughout their ordeal, they _____ (keep) calm.

B Read the writing task below. Choose TRUE or FALSE for each of the statements that follow.

Write a story which begins with this sentence: *Everyone was scared to death.* (100 words)

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| 1 The story will involve several people. ☐ | 4 You can begin the story any way you like. ☐ |
| 2 It will be about a frightening situation. ☐ | 5 The story will probably have suspense. ☐ |
| 3 Someone must die in the story. ☐ | |

C Read the example story and choose the correct words.

Everyone was scared to death. They were trapped in the darkest cave they (1) **had ever seen / ever seen** after getting lost on a school trip.

The students (2) **had screamed / were screaming** loudly as pieces of rock fell to the ground. Luckily, no one (3) **was / was being** injured.

Toby had never been in such an extreme situation before, but he (4) **had been keeping / kept** very calm.

All of a sudden, he (5) **remembered / was remembering** that he had his mobile phone. His teacher (6) **had told / told** everyone to leave their phones in the tent but Toby (7) **decided / had decided** to secretly bring his.

As quick as lightening, Toby (8) **was running / ran** to his bag and found the phone. He called his mum and (9) **explained / had explained** the situation. 'Don't worry,' she said 'Rescue teams are already looking for you.' Toby smiled and immediately (10) **told / was telling** everyone the good news.

