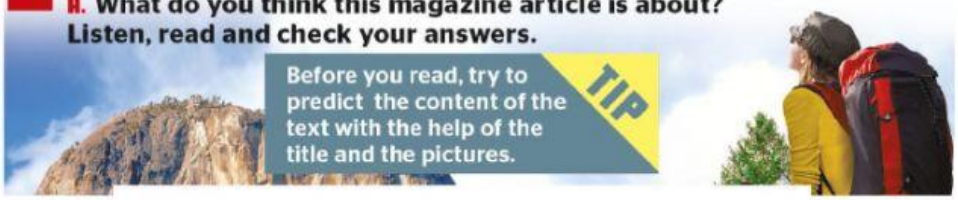
2 Reading

A. What do you think this magazine article is about? Listen, read and check your answers.



TIP Before you read, try to predict the content of the text with the help of the title and the pictures.

Surviving El Capitan

Yosemite National Park in the USA, is a very popular place for rock climbers. The main reason is the famous 3,000ft rock face El Capitan.

Hilary Thompson was an experienced climber, but it was her first trip to El Capitan. The weather was beautiful on the morning before she left, but the hotel owner, Old Ted, told her not to go climbing. Hilary asked Ted to check the weather forecast again on his computer and it was good. 'I just don't like the way those birds are flying,' said Ted and pointed at some birds in the sky. He told Hilary to take some extra warm clothes. She didn't want to argue with him, so she took some.

However, Ted was right and halfway up El Capitan, the weather changed quickly. There was a cold wind, and it started raining heavily. Within minutes, Hilary was wet and freezing. Luckily, she reached a ledge and put on her extra clothes. There was no way to get down in the storm. So, she took out her mobile phone, but before she could call 911, the emergency services, she dropped it over the ledge. An hour later, Hilary was still there, unconscious and freezing to death.

When she opened her eyes again, she saw Old Ted. He knew El Capitan better than anyone else. A rescue team was with him and they carried her down to safety. She survived the cold because of the extra clothes, and when they reached the hotel, Ted said, 'I saved your life twice today, you know'.

Hilary and Ted became friends and he taught her all his secrets about climbing. Today, she's an instructor and helps climbers coming to El Capitan.

C. Find words in the text and match them with the definitions below.

1. very cold (para 3): _____
2. to arrive at a place (para 3): _____
3. to let something fall by accident (para 3): _____
4. in a condition similar to sleep usually because you are injured or ill (para 3): _____
5. to continue to live or exist especially in a difficult or dangerous situation (para 4): _____

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