Grammar

A **Complete the text with the Past Simple, the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous of these verbs. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.**

be climb decide explore have manage not tell try

An amazing survival

Aron Lee Ralston (1) _____ to climb the red rocks near the Canyonlands National Park on Saturday, 26 April, 2003. Aron, who was an athletic 27-year-old and a very experienced climber, (2) _____ Colorado's peaks for years, before that fateful Saturday.

That day, he was dressed in a T-shirt and shorts. He also had a backpack with a few supplies. At some point while he (3) _____ over a huge rock that filled a narrow slot in the canyon, it came loose and crashed down trapping his right forearm against the rock wall. He (4) _____ to free his arm, but without success. He knew there was little hope of getting help as he (5) _____ anyone about his plans for that day.

Aron's condition was becoming worse and worse every day because he (6) _____ very little food or water for days. He knew that if he didn't do something soon, he would die. Then on Thursday morning, his fifth day in the canyon, he decided that the only chance he had to survive was to cut off his arm! He did it using a multi-tool he had with him. Even though he (7) _____ in terrible pain, he (8) _____ to walk out of the canyon. He was spotted by some hikers and eventually rescued by helicopter. The rescuers were amazed at Aron's will to live and the brave thing he had done.

B **Choose the correct answers.**

1 Let's keep on walking for a while, ___ ?
a should we b shall we c do we

2 Who ___ the equipment for the expedition?
a did prepare b prepared c prepare

3 You haven't realised that we're lost, ___ ?
a have you b haven't you c did you

4 What ___ to land the plane safely?
a the pilot did b did the pilot c did the pilot do

5 ___ invited Jane to the party?
a You didn't b Haven't you c You

6 The climbers' adventure was on the news, ___ ?
a weren't they b wasn't it c were they

7 I am going to adapt to this weather, ___ ?
a am I b I'm not c aren't I

8 ___ enjoying your holiday?
a Not are you b Aren't you c You aren't

C **Complete the second sentences so that they have a similar meaning to the first sentences. Use the words in bold.**

1 Perhaps the climbers are lost. Let's call the police. **may**
The climbers _____. Let's call the police.

2 They had the ability to go on holiday last summer. **able**
They _____ go on holiday last summer.

3 My advice is to ask for your parents' permission. **ask**
You _____ for your parents' permission.

4 All rescuers are obliged to wear special clothes. **had**
All rescuers _____ special clothes.

5 It wasn't necessary for them to find a hotel because they camped every night. **need**
They _____ a hotel because they camped every night.

6 I'm sure the explorers have reached their destination by now. **reached**
The explorers _____ their destination by now.

7 The hiker took a raincoat with him, but it didn't rain. **have**
The hiker _____ a raincoat with him, as it didn't rain.

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