

THE SURVIVORS

There are a lot of people in the world that enjoy winter expeditions and really love the adventure, but there's something really important at the moment to decide to be part of a winter expedition. You have to know some survival tips; it will help you to be prepared for keeping safe and survive from dangerous situations.



There are specific kind of personal qualities to describe the ice climbers and we are going to learn about it. Then you will check your understanding from the new vocabulary seen.

1. Look at the **photo** of an expedition.



- A. How many ice climbers are in the **photo**?
- B. How dangerous is this situation?
- C. What kind of people do you think do this?
- D. Are they prepared for surviving a dangerous situation? Why? or Why not?

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Read the sentences and comments (1 – 8) about that kind of expedition from the **photo**.

What kind of personal qualities does each describe?

Match these adjectives to the sentences.

- ☐ Ambitious
- ☒ 4 Careful
- ☐ Decisive
- ☐ Determined
- ☐ Experienced
- ☐ intelligent
- ☐ Patient
- ☐ Reliable

1. "The leader of our team has worked for thirty years as a mountaineer."
2. "whatever the risk, we always achieved our goal. Nothing stopped us."
3. "Even as a child, I wanted to be the best."
4. "it's important to plan before any expedition."
5. "When the weather is really bad, you have to wait. There's no point in taking stupid risks."
6. "We all have to be there for each other. We won't survive without each other's help and support."
7. "He has a quick brain and you need that for this kind of expedition."
8. "The leader is the person who makes the final decision and everyone has to agree."

There are people who have survived in a different scenario, they have never been part of a winter expedition, but they had to deal with dangerous situations by accident. Let's take a look to the following article to learn more about it.

SKIMMING:

Read the article quickly. What is the best title?

- a. father and son lost in the snow for days
- b. teenager survives alone on mountain.
- c. Boy phones emergency services from mountain.



Have you ever seen survival documentaries on TV? You know, the ones where experts tell us how to survive in really scary situations. If you watch one, maybe you'll learn how to survive alone in the wild just like seventeen-year-old Nicholas Joy from the American city of Medford. Read on to learn more!

One day in March, Nicholas was skiing in the mountains with his father, Adam, when he decided to take a different *path* back to their car. Adam waited for his son in the car park, but when he didn't come back, Adam immediately phoned the emergency services.

Nicholas was lost and alone in a forest on the mountain. He had no mobile phone, the weather was really bad and it soon *got dark*. He remembered *survival documentaries* from the TV and he decided to stay where he was that night.

He quickly built a *shelter* from snow and three branches, and he found some drinking water in a small river nearby. He then tried to light a fire by quickly moving two or three branches together.

Nicholas spent two nights alone on the mountain in his shelter. But at 9:00 on the third morning, a man on a *snowmobile* found him. The teenager was hungry, tired and very cold, but he was unhurt, he didn't have any injuries.

Next time there's a survival documentary on TV, you should watch it. Just think: you could learn something useful!



SKIMMING:

Read the text again. Put the story in the correct order.

- ☐ He took a different path back to the car.
- ☐ He decided not to move in the dark.
- ☒ 1 One day, Nicholas went skiing with his father.
- ☐ He built a shelter and found some drinking water.
- ☐ He was tired and hungry, but he was OK.
- ☐ He became lost on the mountain.
- ☐ He tried to light a fire.
- ☐ Somebody found him at last.

GUESSING MEANING FROM CONTEXT:

Find the words in *italics* in the reading. Then match the words with their correct meaning.

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| ☐ 1. survival documentaries | A. when the sun goes down. |
| ☐ 2. path | B. protection from the bad weather, danger or attack. |
| ☐ 3. got dark | C. a small motor vehicle for travelling on snow or ice. |
| ☐ 4. shelter | D. a route or track between one place and another. |
| ☐ 5. snowmobile | E. a genre of documentary films about keeping safe in the wild. |

RELATING READING TO PERSONAL EXPERIENCE:

Write your own answers in the following questions.

1. Have you ever seen a survival documentary on Netflix? Why? or Why not?
2. Have you ever met someone who survived from a dangerous situation?
3. Imagine that you lived Nicholas' experience. What would you do to survive?