

Vocabulary

A Complete the text with the correct form of these words.

crawl die injure succeed survive vanish

Left for dead

Joe Simpson and Simon Yates were climbing down a mountain in the Andes when trouble struck. Simpson slipped and (1) _____ his leg. Then, while Yates was trying to lower him down the mountain on the end of a rope, Simpson went over a cliff and totally (2) _____. Yates couldn't see or hear him, but he held on tightly hoping that Simpson would somehow let him know he was still alive.

After some time, believing that Simpson had (3) _____, Yates cut the rope and climbed down the mountain. When the rope was cut, Simpson, who was actually still alive, fell and slid down to the bottom of the mountain. He then spent three days without food or water dragging himself across rocky ground towards the camp. Would he (4) _____ in saving himself?

Incredibly, in the middle of the night, he (5) _____ into the camp. Luckily, Yates found him. Later, Simpson wrote a book about how he (6) _____ on his own, and how he had coped with the terrible thirst, hunger and pain.



B Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 Your d _____ is the place where your trip ends.
- 2 E _____ is what you feel when you are extremely tired.
- 3 A l _____ is a large area of countryside.
- 4 A j _____ is another name for a trip.
- 5 Working together with someone is known as c _____.
- 6 The top of a mountain is called the s _____.
- 7 E _____ is the ability to keep doing something difficult for a long time.
- 8 O _____ are the probability that something will or will not happen.

C Circle the correct words.

- 1 Deserts stretch across / through much of central Australia.
- 2 Across / Over the years, we have learnt a lot about extreme weather.
- 3 Mountain climbing can be about / around as dangerous as skydiving.
- 4 In summer, the temperature here can be up / over 45° Celsius.
- 5 In Antarctica, the temperature is often below / under freezing.
- 6 The driest place in / on the planet is the Atacama Desert in Chile.
- 7 While the surfer was in / at the water, he saw a huge shark in the distance.
- 8 The city of La Paz in Bolivia is located 3,660 metres above / over sea level.

D Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

do get go keep make save

- 1 I didn't take a map with me and I _____ lost.
- 2 We _____ the journey across the mountains in record time.
- 3 Samantha's quick thinking _____ the climber's life.
- 4 'Just _____ calm,' said Josh when our canoe sank.
- 5 An explorer has _____ missing in the Amazon jungle.
- 6 Just _____ your best and everything will be fine.