Task 1. Read the text and complete the gaps with "used to" + verb or the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Climate change is making extreme weather in the mountains much more dangerous. When my uncle worked as a ski instructor fifteen years ago, the weather conditions 1 _____ (be) very stable. The winter sports season 2 _____ (not depend) on artificial snow because it always snowed heavily in November. Back then, skiers 3 _____ (enjoy) their holidays without checking weather warnings every hour.

However, everything changed because of rising temperatures and sudden heavy snowstorms. Two years ago, our favorite mountain resort 4 _____ (experience) a severe disaster. After a sudden three-day blizzard, a massive avalanche 5 _____ (crash) down the main slope. The heavy snow 6 _____ (trap) a group of snowboarders and 7 _____ (destroy) two ski lifts. Specialized rescue teams 8 _____ (search) for the missing people for twelve hours in the freezing cold before finding everyone safe.

Before that terrifying event, the resort management 9 _____ (not use) advanced radar systems to predict snow movements. But that emergency 10 _____ (force) them to upgrade their security. Last autumn, they 11 _____ (install) modern safety sensors and 12 _____ (hire) extra avalanche experts to protect the tourists.

Task 2. Read the statements and decide if they are True or False according to the text.

1. Fifteen years ago, the mountain resort had to use artificial snow from November. True / False
2. In the past, skiers did not have to check weather warnings every hour. True / False
3. The severe disaster at the mountain resort happened last autumn. True / False
4. The avalanche destroyed two ski lifts and trapped some snowboarders. True / False
5. Rescue teams spent two days searching for the missing people. True / False
6. Before the accident, the management used advanced radars to predict snow movements. True / False
7. The resort hired extra avalanche experts last autumn to improve safety. True / False

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Task 3. Listen and choose.

Where can you find out about what to do in extreme weather conditions?

1 the internet 2 books 3 school 4 ask people (who?) 5 your own ideas

Task 4. You will hear an interview with a girl called Lacey Anderson, who writes a blog about the weather. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 Why did Lacey decide to write a blog about the weather?

A It seemed like a good way to help her become a TV weather presenter.

B She enjoyed sharing her photos of extreme weather conditions online.

C There was little information available about weather in her area.

2 What does Lacey think people like about her blog?

A They can follow links to other websites about weather.

B They can upload information about weather in their area.

C They can ask questions about future weather events.

3 When asked about the effects of her blog on readers, Lacey says she feels

A surprised that they take notice of what she suggests.

B pleased that they offer advice based on their experiences.

C excited that they encourage other people to read her blog.

4 Lacey says that her local weather centre has

A given her information that she couldn't find anywhere else.

B saved her a lot of time and effort.

C provided pictures free of charge.

5 Lacey's parents decided to get involved in her blog when

A they got jobs as firefighters.

B Lacey asked them to write an article about forest fires.

C they learned about how a particular fire started.

6 What does Lacey say about the organisations which support her blog?

A Her school allows her to take time out of class to write her blog.

B The local newspaper regularly prints positive reviews of her blog.

C A shop in the area gave her some products to sell through her blog.

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