

4 Complete the article. Use the past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

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A Japanese businessman recently made medical history by surviving without food and water in near-freezing weather for about three weeks.

Mr Mitsutaka Uchikoshi, 35, climbed up Mount Rokko in western Japan for a barbecue party with friends but decided to come back down on his own. While he (23) (walk) down the mountain, he (24) (slip) in a stream and (25) (break) his pelvis. Until he (26) (become) unconscious, he survived by sipping the remains of a bottle of barbecue sauce that he (27) (carry) with him at the time of the accident.

When searchers (28) (rescue) him, he (29) (appear) to be in a coma. His pulse was almost undetectable and his body temperature (30) (drop) to 32 degrees. He (31) (also / lose) a lot of weight. Doctors (32) (treat) Mr Uchikoshi for hypothermia, multiple organ failure and blood loss. By the time he was rescued, he (33) (miss) for twenty-five days.

Remarkably, he (34) (recover) fully. One of his doctors said, 'He was