

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

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 frozen alive and survived. If we can understand why, it opens up all sorts of possibilities for the future.'