

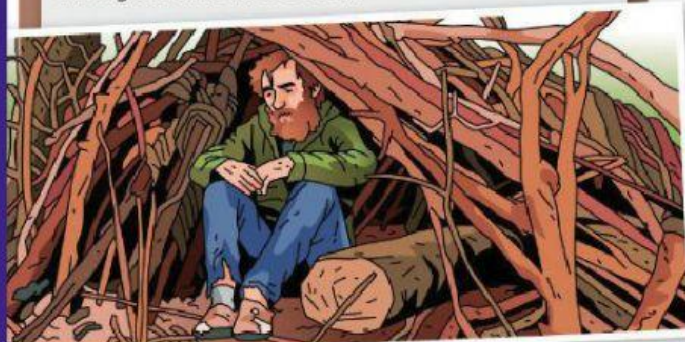


ERIC LEMARQUE

- 1 Where does the text take place?
- 2 Does the person survive?

Student B: RICKY MEGEE

A farmer couldn't believe what he saw when he came across a stranger living on his farm. The man, Ricky Megee, ¹*lived / had been living* off the land in the Australian bush for two months. Ricky ²*had been driving / had driven* near the border of Western Australia and Northern Territory. He ³*stopped / had stopped* to help some people whose car had broken down and offered one of them a lift to a nearby town. Unfortunately, the passenger turned out to be a robber, who stole Ricky's car. Ricky was now completely lost in the bush. He ⁴*ate / had eaten* insects, snakes and frogs and eventually managed to find a dam to provide him with water. He built a small shelter there and waited, hoping to be rescued. 71 days after being left, Ricky was found by the farmer. He ⁵*d lost / was losing* more than 50 kg in weight during his time in the bush.



Student A: ERIC LEMARQUE

It was getting late and Eric LeMarque decided to have one final run on his snowboard. As he ¹*'d gone / was going* down the mountain, he ²*came / was coming* across some thick fog and headed in the wrong direction. All of a sudden he was completely lost. All he had with him was his snowboard, some bubble gum and an MP3 player. Eventually, he ³*remembered / 'd remembered* something he ⁴*'was seeing / 'd seen* in a movie about using an MP3 player as a compass. This meant he was able to get an idea of where he was and head in the right direction, up the mountain.

Eric was missing for a week. During that time, he fell in a river, almost went down a waterfall and had to walk through snow that was four and a half metres deep! On the eighth day he was seen by a helicopter that ⁵*had searched / had been searching* for him. He was completely exhausted but alive.



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5 SPEAKING

a Think of a dangerous situation that you or someone you know was in, or it could be something you know about from a book or film. Make notes about the questions.

- Where and when did it take place?
- Who was involved?
- What was the scene or background to the story?
- What were the main events?
- How did you / the person feel?
- What was the outcome?

WRITE YOUR NOTES HERE, YOU WILL THEN SHARE IT WITH THE CLASS

