

Teenager Jake Denham was _____ with his family in the US when he fell and lost one of his skis. His family didn't know that he had a _____. They kept on skiing. When they got to the bottom of the _____, there was no sign of Jake.

Jake _____ find his ski anywhere. In the end, he decided to _____ his other ski and walk down the mountain. But he couldn't _____ the right way to go.

It was now getting dark, and he was a long way from any _____. He knew that he might die that night in the cold temperatures. But Jake kept calm. At home, Jake watched a lot of TV shows about _____ in difficult situations. He remembered the advice from these shows and knew that he should build a cave in the snow. He made a hole and pointed it up the hill so the wind couldn't _____ it. Outside his cave, the temperature fell

to a dangerous -15°C that night, but _____ it Jake was safe from the cold.

But he had to get down the mountain. The TV shows always said, "If you are lost, you should find _____ else's tracks through the snow and follow them."

"I wanted to live my life," remembers Jake. "So I got up, and I _____ some ski tracks, and I followed those." He walked and walked, and finally he saw lights. Nine hours after he lost his ski, he came across a team of rescue workers. He was safe!

His mom was so relieved when she _____ the news! Amazingly, Jake didn't even have to go to the hospital. He got _____ the ordeal without any injuries.

So, the next time someone says that watching TV is a waste of time, think of Jake. Sometimes TV can save your life!

Key Words

cave hole blow
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2 Read the article quickly and check your answer to Exercise 1.

3 Read the article again and put these events in the correct order. Which event didn't happen?

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| a He sheltered in a snow cave. | d He went to the hospital. |
| b He found rescuers. | e He got lost. |
| c He fell. | f He followed ski tracks. |

4 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

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- 1 Why didn't Jake's family help him when he fell?
Because they didn't know he had a problem, and they kept on skiing.
 - 2 At first, what did Jake plan to do?
 - 3 Why was it dangerous for Jake when it got dark?
 - 4 Why was his snow cave a good design?
 - 5 How long was Jake lost on the mountain?
 - 6 What injuries did Jake have?