

Lost in the mountains!

- 1 Tom Roberts hated living in the city. He thought it was noisy and crowded, and his apartment was so expensive, he spent most of his money on it.
- 2 All week at work he thought about the weekends, when he could get away to the countryside. On Fridays, he packed his tent and some food and water, and caught a bus to the mountains. That was where he felt really happy. He didn't mind camping, even in winter – he just took a very warm sleeping bag!
- 3 One weekend, he set off as usual. He followed a path into a forest. He enjoyed the silence and the clean, fresh air. He thought about his job and the city where he lived. He decided that he wanted a new job, away from the city. But what job could he do in the countryside? He thought about all of this, and he didn't think about where he was going.

- 4 Then he stopped. He felt cold. It was dark. And he had no idea where he was.
- 5 He tried to walk in a straight line. He was sure he must come to a road soon! Three days later, he was still walking. By now, he was hungry, dirty and afraid. He started to think that he could never get out of the mountains. Then he heard a strange noise. The noise got louder and louder until at last he saw a helicopter in the air above him.
- 6 Tom knew this was his last chance. He took off his red shirt, climbed onto a large rock, and waved it. When the helicopter flew closer, he knew he was safe at last.

a Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Tom loved going to the mountains.
- 2 He didn't go to the mountains very often.
- 3 This time he didn't know how to get home.

b Complete the sentences about the text with the words in the box.

cost find heard slept thought used walked went

- 1 Tom's apartment cost a lot of money.
- 2 At the weekend he walked to the mountains.
- 3 When he walked in the mountains, he slept in a tent.
- 4 He thought a lot about his job in the city.
- 5 On the second day, he tried to find a road.
- 6 For three days, he walked in a straight line.
- 7 He knew the helicopter was there because he heard it.
- 8 He used his shirt to help the pilot see him.