

Past Simple

1 Choosing the right verb

Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Past Simple.

fall	find	break
laugh	spend	leave
lose	need	take
celebrate	save	
can't (past = couldn't)		

LOST, ALONE, AND INJURED ON A MOUNTAIN



Gary Smith yesterday *celebrated* his twentieth birthday, but he's lucky to be alive. In March this year, he was climbing Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, when he (1) _____ his way and (2) _____ sixteen hours in sub-zero temperatures.

'My friends (3) _____ at me for having so much survival equipment, but it (4) _____ my life.'

On the first night, the weather was so bad that it tore his new mountain tent to pieces, so he moved into a Youth Hostel. He (5) _____ the hostel at 10.00 the next morning, but that afternoon he was in trouble. 'I (6) _____ off a rock and (7) _____ my left leg. I (8) _____ move.'

Mountain rescue teams went out to look for Gary, and (9) _____

him at 9.00 the next morning. A helicopter (10) _____ him to hospital, where he (11) _____ several operations. 'Next time I'll go with my friends, not on my own!' he joked.

