

## A Famous Explorer

Roald Amundsen was a famous explorer from Norway. He is most famous for his expedition to the continent of Antarctica. In fact, he was the first man to reach the South Pole. This was a very big achievement. First, he had to sail from Norway to Antarctica - that voyage took six months. Then there was another journey over land to the South Pole - that journey took almost two months. It started on the 19th of October and he reached the South Pole on the 14th of December, 1911. They had a lot of equipment to carry over land, so Amundsen's team needed four sledges. As well as the sledges, the team also had to wear skis. There was also no modern technology in 1911 so they had to use a compass to find the South Pole. They took tents to sleep in and they wore thick fur coats.

### A. Read and choose a, b or c:-

1. Roald Amundsen was a famous \_\_\_\_\_ from Norway.
  - a. inventor
  - b. scientist
  - c. explorer
2. He was the \_\_\_\_\_ person to reach the South Pole.
  - a. first
  - b. Second
  - c. fifth
3. It took six months to \_\_\_\_\_ on a ship from Norway to Antarctica.
  - a. run
  - b. fly
  - c. sail
4. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ over land began on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. journey
  - b. expedition
  - c. exploration
5. Amundsen and his team used a compass and slept in a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. hotel
  - b. house
  - c. tent

### Read the story about Ahmed's camping trip.

Ahmed and his brothers went on a camping trip before school started. They found the perfect place to camp! It was where a small river joined a lake. The area was ideal. Ahmed and his brothers could swim all day. It was a perfect place to fish or relax.

For two days, the trip was great but on the third day it began to rain. Everyone joked, laughed and played in the rain.

One night, Ahmed woke to hear a loud crash. He realised that the tent was floating! The rain had flooded the river and their tent had fallen into it. Ahmed shouted and woke his brothers and they swam to safety. Lightning flashed across the sky. Thunder shook the ground. The storm lasted all night. It was like a bad dream.

The next morning, the lightning and thunder stopped. They worked hard all morning to fix their campsite. During lunch, a policeman came to ask if they were okay. He told them a camper had been hurt when a tree fell on his tent. Ahmed and his brothers felt lucky to escape unhurt.

Read the questions and answer a, b or c.

1. Why was the campsite perfect?
  - a. They could fish and relax.
  - b. They were near the school.
  - c. It was far from the lake.

2. What woke Ahmed late that night?
  - a. the sound of the storm
  - b. his brother shouting
  - c. a bad dream

3. Why was their tent in the river?
  - a. The wind blew it in.
  - b. The river was bigger.
  - c. They wanted to make a boat.

4. Why did the policeman come to the campsite?
  - a. to talk to Ahmed and his brothers
  - b. to swim in the lake
  - c. to help them clean their campsite

5. When did Ahmed and his brothers go to the camping trip?
  - a. on summer vacation
  - b. at the weekend

\*\*\* Bonus\*\*\*

6. Who got hurt in the camping trip?
  - a. Ahmed
  - b. Ahmed's brother
  - c. a camper

\*\*\* Bonus\*\*\*

7. Why should people find a perfect place for camping?
  - a. To be safe
  - b. To enjoy every time
  - c. To practice more activities

## Saeed's summer vacation

Last summer, Saeed went to Oman on vacation with his father. He went in July and stayed for two weeks. They went by car and drove past the mountains and the desert. At the resort, Saeed went kayaking and took a boat ride to watch sharks.

One day Saeed went to an amusement park. The first ride Saeed went on was the carousel, he did not enjoy it because it was very slow. Next, he went in the scary hotel. It was exciting because of the strange sounds. Then, Saeed went on the water rapid ride, he got very wet. Finally, he went on the rollercoaster, it was amazing because it was really fast. His father didn't like the rollercoaster, it made him feel sick!

The last day was very hot, so Saeed and his father stayed at the resort and played board games. After that, they were hungry. For lunch they shared a pizza. Then they got into the car and came home

### **A. Read and choose a, b or c**

1. Where did Saeed go on vacation?

- A the mountains                      B Oman                      C the desert

2. When did Saeed go on vacation?

- A two weeks ago                      B in July                      C last week

3. Saeed watched sharks from \_\_\_\_\_?

- A a car                      B a boat                      C a kayak

4. Which ride didn't Saeed like?

- A the carousel                      B the rollercoaster                      C the Ferris wheel

5. Why was the scary hotel exciting?

- A he got very wet                      B it was really fast                      C there were strange sounds