

11c A problem in the Arctic

Reading and listening a trip to the North Pole

1 Read the article and answer the questions.

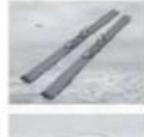
- 1 Who was on the expedition?
- 2 What did they carry their equipment on?
- 3 What did they see on the first day?



Arctic trek

In 2006, Borge Ousland, a Norwegian, was on an expedition to the North Pole. He was with a South African, Mike Horn. They traveled across the ice on skis.¹ They carried their equipment² on sledges. On the first day, they saw a polar bear.³ That night, it ate part of their rubber boat.⁴ One day, the weather was really bad. Listen to their story.

¹skis (noun)
/ski:s/



²equipment (noun)
/ɪ'kwɪpmənt/



³a polar bear (noun)
/pɔ:lə 'beə/



⁴a rubber boat (noun)
/rə'bət'baut/



2 128 Listen to the story. Put the sentences in order (1–6).

- Borge Ousland helped him. _____
- It was snowy and windy. 1 _____
- Mike Horn fell into the sea. _____
- Ousland started a fire. _____
- The ice broke. _____
- They dried Horn's clothes. _____



Grammar simple past Wh- questions

3 Put the words in order to make questions about the Arctic trek story.

- 1 Borge Ousland / did / who / travel with / ?

- 2 go / did / when / to the North Pole / they / ?

- 3 the polar bear / did / eat / what / ?

- 4 did / fall / Mike Horn / where / ?

- 5 Mike Horn / fall / why / did / ?

- 6 start a fire / Borge Ousland / did / why / ?

4 What are the answers to the questions in Exercise 3? Circle the correct option.

- 1 Mike Horn / skis
- 2 in 2006 / in 2010
- 3 their sledges / their boat
- 4 onto the ice / into the sea
- 5 because the ice broke / because his skis broke
- 6 to make some food / to dry Horn's clothes

5 Word focus get

Complete the sentences with these words.

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- 1 Did they get to the _____ Pole?
- 2 Did you get my _____? I sent it yesterday.
- 3 She got some great _____ for her birthday.
- 4 We didn't get _____ until midnight.



11d Did you have a good time?

Real life talking about the past

1 **129** Put the conversations in order. Listen and check.

- 1 a Did you have a nice meal on Saturday? 1
b I found a snail in my food! _____
c No, we didn't. _____
d Oh no! What did you do? _____
e Oh? Why not? _____
f We left the restaurant and we didn't pay!

- 2 a Did you go scuba diving? _____
b Did you have a nice vacation? _____
c We went to the Red Sea. It was beautiful.

d Where did you go? _____
e Yes, thanks, we did. _____
f Well, we didn't go scuba diving, but we went swimming. _____

- 3 a Nothing. I didn't have my laptop with me.

b Did you have a good trip last week? _____
c Oh? Why not? _____
d Six hours! What did you do? _____
e The weather was really bad. I was at the airport for six hours. _____
f No, I didn't. _____

2 Pronunciation *didn't*

► **130** Listen and repeat these sentences with *didn't*.

- 1 We didn't pay.
- 2 We didn't go scuba diving.
- 3 I didn't have my laptop with me.
- 4 I didn't have a good trip.



Vocabulary time expressions

3 Today is Thursday. Put the time expressions in order, from most recent (1) to least recent (8).

- a last month _____
- b last night 1 _____
- c last week _____
- d last weekend _____
- e last year _____
- f on Tuesday _____
- g three days ago _____
- h yesterday morning _____



4 Listen and respond talking about the past

► **131** Listen to six questions. Respond with your own words.



Did you have a good weekend?

Yes, thanks, I did.

No, I didn't.

