

# 11c A problem in the Arctic

## Reading and listening a trip to the North Pole

1 Read the article and answer the questions.

- Who was on the expedition?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What did they carry their equipment on?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 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.<sup>1</sup> They carried their equipment<sup>2</sup> on sledges. On the first day, they saw a polar bear.<sup>3</sup> That night, it ate part of their rubber boat.<sup>4</sup> One day, the weather was really bad. Listen to their story.

<sup>1</sup>skis (noun)  
/ski:z/



<sup>2</sup>equipment (noun)  
/i'kwipmənt/



<sup>3</sup>a polar bear (noun)  
/ˌpəʊlə 'beə/



<sup>4</sup>a rubber boat (noun)  
/ˌrʌbə 'bəʊt/



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.

- Borge Ousland / did / who / travel with / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- go / did / when / to the North Pole / they / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the polar bear / did / eat / what / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- did / fall / Mike Horn / where / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Mike Horn / fall / why / did / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- start a fire / Borge Ousland / did / why / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## 5 Word focus get

Complete the sentences with these words.

email      home      gifts      North

- Did they get to the \_\_\_\_\_ Pole?
- Did you get my \_\_\_\_\_? I sent it yesterday.
- She got some great \_\_\_\_\_ for her birthday.
- 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.

