SESSION N°02

READING "NIGHTMARE ON MOUNT ACONCAGUA"

Pre-reading

Look at the title and answer the questions:

What do you think the story will be about?

a) A funny experience at school

b) A difficult adventure on a mountain

c) A soccer match in the Andes

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2. What kind of problems do you think climbers can face during an expedition?

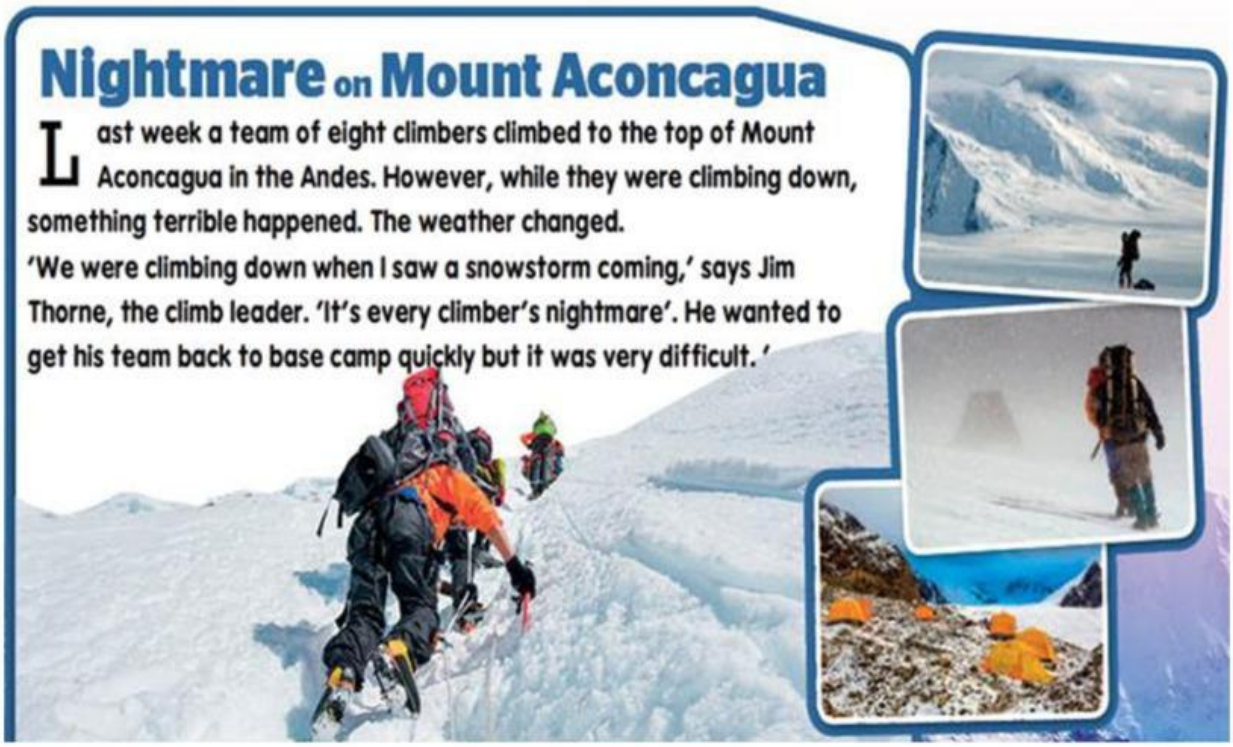
a) Sunny weather and relaxing views

b) Getting bored and forgetting food

c) Bad weather, getting lost, or getting hurt.

While-reading

Read the text carefully:



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'Everyone was tired and cold and was walking very slowly. Don't forget we were carrying backpacks', says Thorne.

They arrived at base camp two days later. 'When I saw base camp, I was very happy. When I looked back and saw that there were only six of us instead of eight, I couldn't believe it!' says Thorne. Unfortunately, Thorne and the others couldn't go back to find the two missing climbers because the snowstorm was very bad. 'Were they lost? Were they hurt? Were they alive or... dead? I didn't know. I just sat and cried,' says Thorne.

A. Multiple Choice – Explicit Information (Choose the correct answer)

1. **Where were the climbers when the weather changed?**

   a) At base camp

   b) Climbing up the mountain

   c) Climbing down the mountain

2. **Who is the leader of the climbing group?**

   a) Dennis Watkins

   b) Jim Thorne

   c) Mike Dawson

3. **How many climbers were in the team at the beginning?**

   a) Six

   b) Ten

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c) Eight

4. **Why was it difficult to return to base camp?**

   a) They were lost

   b) Everyone was tired and the weather was bad

   c) There was no food

5. **What did Jim Thorne feel when he realized only six returned?**

   a) Happy

   b) Angry

   c) Shocked and sad

B. True or False – Justify with evidence from the text

Write **T** (true) or **F** (false) next to each sentence.

1. ___ All the climbers climbed to the top of the mountain.
2. ___ Jim Thorne and the other climbers got lost in the snowstorm.
3. ___ Jim Thorne said, "It was easy to get to base camp."
4. ___ Six of the climbers didn't get to base camp.
5. ___ Thorne and the others went back to find the missing climbers.

C. Multiple Choice – Implicit Information (Choose the best answer)

6. **Why did Thorne want to return to base camp quickly?**

   a) Because they forgot their backpacks

   b) Because they were tired of climbing

   c) Because he saw a snowstorm coming

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7. **What does the expression “I just sat and cried” show about Thorne’s feelings?**

   a) He was physically tired

   b) He was confused

   c) He was emotionally devastated

8. **Why couldn't they go back to look for the missing climbers?**

   a) They were too tired

   b) The weather was too dangerous.

   c) They didn’t want to

9. **What can we infer about the two missing climbers?**

   a) They are likely safe

   b) Their situation is unknown but probably serious

   c) They arrived before the others

10. **What does the text mainly show us about climbing expeditions?**

    a) They can be very dangerous and unpredictable

    b) They are always successful

    c) They are boring

🗣 Post-reading

Write a short reflection (2-3 sentences) on what this story teaches you about teamwork and courage.

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