



1. Read the text. Four sentences are missing. Match the sentences (1-5) to the gaps (A-D). There is one extra sentence.

# Trapped in the Wilderness

Blake Stanfield was so excited about his father's birthday surprise – a rafting trip in Alaska – but it turned into a terrifying 5-day fight for survival!

On a beautiful warm day in June 2003, Blake Stanfield decided to take his father, Neil, on a trip into the Alaskan wilderness. On their first morning, they **set off** together down the Koyukuk River on their raft.

They had only travelled a few miles down the river when, to their horror, they saw a huge wall of ice in front of them! Their raft crashed into the ice and the men fell into the freezing cold water. If the water hadn't been so fast-flowing, they would have been able to crawl onto the ice, but instead it quickly sucked them under and swept them along. **A**

"What have I done?" Blake thought at that point. But just then, he **surfaced** and saw his father holding onto an oar.

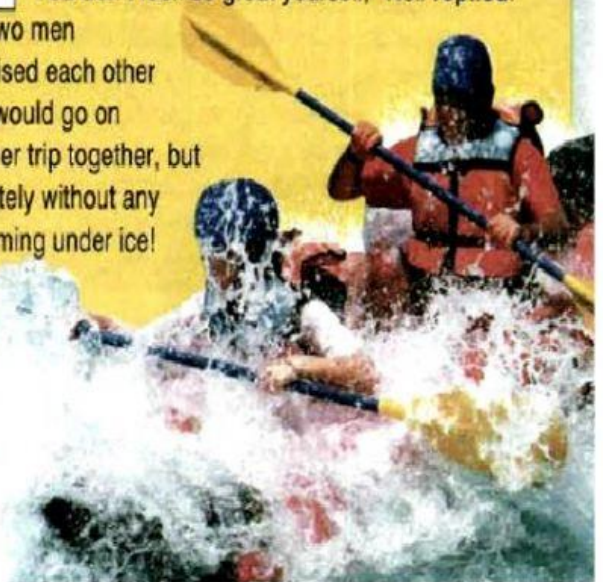
Freezing cold and with Neil suffering from hypothermia, the two men **made their way** to the shore. Blake quickly lit a fire. He knew his father would die from the cold if he didn't get warm soon. **B**

The next morning, Blake knew that he had to get help as they had lost all their supplies – their food, tent and clothes. He left his father and made his way towards a town 104 km away, singing loudly to **scare off** bears. He even caught and ate ants and spiders to give him **strength**. But there

was a problem. **C** Meanwhile, Neil was also fighting to stay alive. One time, he fell asleep and woke up just in time to keep his fire alight.

By Monday, both men were getting weaker and weaker from **lack** of food. "If only I hadn't left my father!" Blake thought. But then, he had an idea. If he built a signal fire, any planes flying **overhead** would hopefully see him. On Tuesday evening, a pilot finally spotted Blake. After a short while, a rescue helicopter **picked him up**. They quickly found Neil.

**D** "You don't look so great yourself," Neil **replied**. The two men promised each other they would go on another trip together, but definitely without any swimming under ice!



1. An oar surfaced in the water near Neil, and he grabbed it.
2. The river bounced Blake around and hit his head against the ice.
3. He also took a penknife and made a shelter out of branches.
4. "You look awful!" Blake said to Neil when he first saw him, laughing and crying with relief.
5. When he reached a river, he realised it was too wide for him to swim across without getting hypothermia!

A	B	C	D

**2. Match the words in bold to their synonyms:**

<b>physical energy</b>	<b>in the sky</b>	<b>walked towards</b>	<b>arose</b>	<b>answered</b>
<b>started</b>	<b>frighten</b>	<b>shortage</b>	<b>collected him.</b>	
set off -		surfaced -		
made their way -		scare off -		
strength -		lack -		
overhead -		picked him up -		
replied -				

**3. Choose the correct word.**

**cracked sucked missed drew lost horror moved spotted**  
**crawled noticed alarm crashed**

1. Their boat \_\_\_\_\_ into the river bank.
2. To their \_\_\_\_\_ the boat started to sink slowly.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ on his hands and knees towards the tent.
4. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ their boat under the water.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ their compass and didn't know which way to go.
6. Six days later the rescue team \_\_\_\_\_ them on an isolated island.

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