7.4 Reading

Multiple choice

I can understand a magazine article about a fundraising adventure.

1 **In pairs, look at the photos and the title of the article. What do you think it is about?**

2 **Read the introduction and check your answer to Exercise 1. Then answer the questions.**

1 Why are Michiel and Joost taking this trip?
2 How many kilometres is their journey?
3 How long do they expect their trip to take?
4 How many countries does their trip take them to?

3 **Read the article and match headings 1–5 with paragraphs A–E.**

1 Our bikes
2 The most amazing things on the trip
3 The lessons we have learnt
4 Our reasons for the trip
5 The worst things on the trip

EXAM FOCUS **Multiple choice**

4 **Read the text again and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.**

1 Michiel and Joost
A have been to the Antarctic.
B have been to the Arctic.
C have reached Ushuaia.

2 One of the reasons for their trip is
A to cycle from the Arctic to the Antarctic.
B to visit towns and villages in South America.
C to tell the world about the problems of getting clean water.

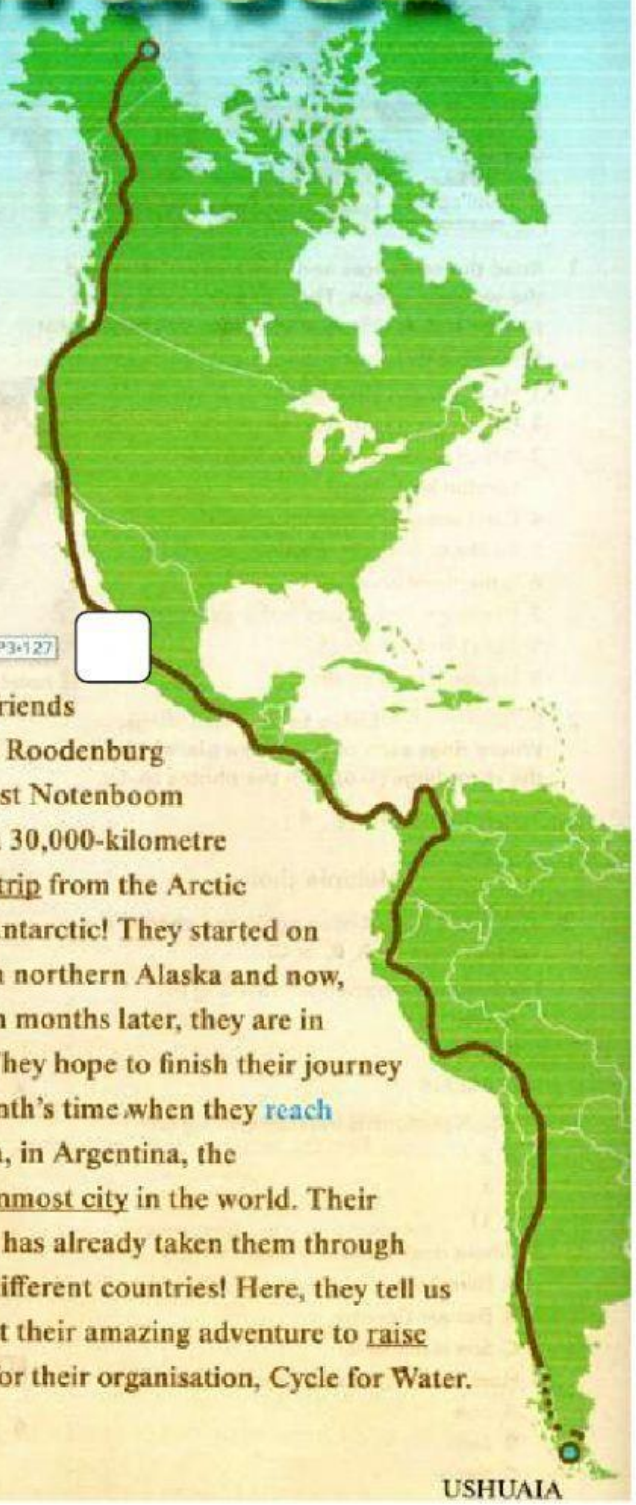
3 During the trip
A they have stayed in people's homes.
B they have visited many different water projects.
C they appeared on television in Guatemala.

4 Before the trip started,
A Michiel had a problem with his bike.
B they didn't practise at all.
C they practised hard.

5 Their bikes are good
A because they are comfortable to ride.
B but they feel all the bumps in the road.
C because the frame is metal.

6 They say that travelling by bike is
A much slower than going by car.
B not as interesting as going by coach.
C a good way to meet people.

Cycling for water



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Dutch friends Michiel Roodenburg and Joost Notenboom are on a 30,000-kilometre cycling trip from the Arctic to the Antarctic! They started on 4 July in northern Alaska and now, nineteen months later, they are in Chile. They hope to finish their journey in a month's time when they reach Ushuaia, in Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. Their journey has already taken them through fifteen different countries! Here, they tell us all about their amazing adventure to raise money for their organisation, Cycle for Water.

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A 4
There's a world water crisis and we want people to know about it. We also want to raise money for our organisation, Cycle for Water. It provides clean, safe water for towns and villages in Central and South America. We've carried a bottle of water from the Arctic all the way! At the end of the trip, we plan to pour it into the Antarctic.

B ☐
We've met so many wonderful people! People have invited us to stay in their homes, given us food, laughed with us and shared our story. When we were in San Francisco, CNN asked us to go on their news show – that was really cool too. We also went to visit one of our water projects in San Juan La Laguna in Guatemala. It was fantastic to see the difference it makes to people's lives.

C ☐
The beginning of the trip was really tough because we didn't train before we started and it was hard work pulling a heavy trailer behind our bikes. There were also millions of mosquitoes, dogs chased us and Michiel's bike broke. Luckily, after a few weeks things got much better!

D ☐
We've got bamboo bikes. The frame is bamboo, not metal. It's very strong and flexible so you don't feel the bumps in the road. They're really comfortable bikes to ride and they're environmentally friendly.

E ☐
When you travel by bike, you meet people more quickly than you do when you are in a car or a coach. It is the best way to experience a place and you don't harm the environment in any way. It's a great way to learn about how people live and to learn about the world.

5 **Match the words in the box with the pictures.**

bumps frame mosquito pour trailer


1 _____


2 _____


3 _____


4 _____


5 _____

6 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words and phrases in blue in the article.**

1 Modern cars have a very light *frame*, so they are more economical.
2 Please drive slowly because there are a lot of _____ in the road.
3 If you want to _____ London, take a bus, not the underground.
4 Our cycling trip was really _____ – we had to cycle for eight hours a day!
5 Most plastics are _____ and so they don't break easily.
6 We _____ the end of the journey after 605 days on the road.
7 Electric cars are the most _____ cars.
8 They stole our money, but they didn't _____ us.

7 **Discuss the questions in pairs.**

1 Would you like to go on a trip like Michiel and Joost's? Why?/Why not?
2 What kind of organisation would you like to raise money for? Why?

WORD STORE 7E

8 CD-3.31 MP3-128 **Complete WORD STORE 7E. Look at the underlined phrases in the article and match 1–6 with a–f to make collocations. Then listen, check and repeat.**

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