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The Journey of a Lifetime



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We talk to two soldiers from Sirius, Denmark's military force in Greenland, about the incredible journey's that they've made there.

Reporter	Hello, Rolf and Magnus. You've travelled around Greenland with Sirius. Tell us about it.
Rolf	Magnus has worked for Sirius for one year, and I have worked for Sirius for two years. Our job is to patrol Greenland's coast. We travel about 30km a day. It's very hard but we love it.
Reporter	How do you travel in Greenland?
Magnus	Greenland is covered with ice and snow, so we always travel by dog sledge.
Rolf	Unlike cars, dogs don't break down in the cold. In temperatures of -31 degrees, if your vehicle stops, you'll die!
Magnus	Thirteen dogs pull our sledge. They've worked for Sirius for three years. They're like our family now!
Rolf	And they protect us. If a polar bear is near, they make a special noise, so we know to be careful.
Magnus	We've seen a lot of polar bears. But, luckily only from distance!
Reporter	Where do you sleep?
Rolf	Sirius has built a lot of cabins along the coast., so we sometimes sleep there. But we usually sleep in our tent.
Reporter	Have you ever had an accident?
Magnus	I haven't, but Rolf has. Once he fell off the sledge, and cut his leg badly. However, he hasn't had frostbite.
Rolf	You've had it four times!
Magnus	It's very painful. It's when a bit of skin on your fingers or face freezes and dies!



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. What is Rolf and Magnus's job?	
2. What's the weather like in Greenland?	
3. Why don't they travel by car?	
4. How do the dogs protect them?	
5. How did Rolf hurt himself?	
6. What is frostbite?	