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# The journey of a lifetime

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

**Hello, Rolf and Magnus. You've travelled all 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 30 km a day. It's very hard, but we love it.

**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  $-31^{\circ}\text{C}$  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 a distance!

**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.

**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!



## Reading

**1** Read and listen. What type of text is this?

- a) a story      b) an advert      c) an article

**2** Match the words with the definitions.

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| 1 patrol     | a) small, simple houses, often made of wood |
| 2 break down | b) to move around an area to keep it safe   |
| 3 protect    | c) to stop working                          |
| 4 cabins     | d) to defend from attack                    |

**3** Read the text again. Circle T (true) or F (false).

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| 1 Rolf and Magnus are police officers.                       | T | F |
| 2 Rolf and Magnus have travelled around Denmark with Sirius. | T | F |
| 3 Rolf and Magnus's job is very difficult.                   | T | F |
| 4 They travel around the mountains in Greenland.             | T | F |

**4** Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

1 What is Rolf and Magnus's job?

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2 What's the weather like in Greenland?

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3 Why don't they travel by car?

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4 How do the dogs protect them?

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5 How did Rolf hurt himself?

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6 What is frostbite?

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