Reading: A true story of survival

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1 ☆ Read the article. What is the best title? Write it in the correct place.

a Father and son lost in the snow for days
b Teenager survives alone on mountain
c Boy phones emergency services from mountain



Are you a fan of survival programmes on TV? You know, the ones where experts tell us how to survive in really scary situations. If you watch one, perhaps you'll learn how to survive alone in the wild just like seventeen-year-old Nicholas Joy from the American city of Medford. Read on to learn more!

One day in March, Nicholas was skiing in the mountains with his father, Adam, when he decided to take a different path back to their car. Adam waited for his son in the car park, but when he didn't come back, Adam immediately phoned the emergency services.

Nicholas was lost and alone in a forest on the mountain. He had no mobile phone, the weather was very bad and it soon got dark. He remembered survival programmes from the TV and he decided to stay where he was that night.

He quickly built a shelter from snow and tree branches, and he found some drinking water in a small river nearby. He then tried to light a fire by quickly moving two tree branches together.

Nicholas spent two nights alone on the mountain in his shelter. But at 9.00 on the third morning, a man on a snowmobile found him. The teenager was hungry, tired and very cold, but he was unhurt.

Next time there's a survival programme on TV, perhaps you should watch it. Just think: you could learn something useful!

2- Read the text again. Put the story in the correct order. Number the sentences.

He took a different path back to the car.

He decided not to move in the dark.

1 One day, Nicholas went skiing with his father.

He built a shelter and found some drinking water.

He tired and hungry, but he was OK.

He became lost on the mountain.

He tried to light a fire.

Somebody found him at last.

3- If you are Nicholas, what will you do?

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