

Teenager Jake Denham was with his family in the US when he fell and lost one of his skis. His family didn't know that he had a problem. They kept on skiing. When they got to the bottom of the mountain, there was no sign of Jake.

Jake couldn't find his ski anywhere. In the end, he decided to leave his other ski and walk down the mountain. But he couldn't find the right way to go.

It was now getting dark, and he was a long way from any town. He knew that he might die that night in the cold temperatures. But Jake kept calm. At home, Jake watched a lot of TV shows about survival in difficult situations. He remembered the advice from these shows and knew that he should build a cave in the snow. He made a hole and pointed it up the hill so the wind couldn't blow into it. Outside his cave, the temperature fell

to a dangerous -15°C that night, but in the end Jake was safe from the cold.

But he had to get down the mountain. The TV shows always said, "If you are lost, you should find someone's tracks through the snow and follow them." "I wanted to live my life," remembers Jake. "So I got up, and I found some ski tracks, and I followed those." He walked and walked, and finally he saw lights. Nine hours after he lost his ski, he came across a team of rescue workers. He was safe!

His mom was so relieved when she heard the news! Amazingly, Jake didn't even have to go to the hospital. He got through the ordeal without any injuries.

So, the next time someone says that watching TV is a waste of time, think of Jake. Sometimes TV can save your life!

Key Words

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2 Read the article quickly and check your answer to Exercise 1.

3 Read the article again and put these events in the correct order. Which event didn't happen?

- a He sheltered in a snow cave.
- b He found rescuers.
- c He fell.
- d He went to the hospital.
- e He got lost.
- f He followed ski tracks.

4 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

1 Why didn't Jake's family help him when he fell?

Because they didn't know he had a problem, and they kept on skiing.

2 At first, what did Jake plan to do?

3 Why was it dangerous for Jake when it got dark?

4 Why was his snow cave a good design?

5 How long was Jake lost on the mountain?

6 What injuries did Jake have?