

Read the text. For each question choose the correct answer.



As the group of five adventurers watched their small plane fly away, a sudden wave of panic spread through them. They realised they were all alone and the only way out of the massive valley where they stood was to launch their canoes and paddle down the Kongakut River 209 km to the Arctic Ocean. A plane was scheduled to pick them up there two weeks later. Despite being very experienced trekkers, the team was unsure of what to expect as such a journey had never been completed before.

This adventure-hungry team are volunteers for an organisation known as Across the Atlas which organises extreme adventure expeditions that raise money through sponsorships and donations. The money raised is then given to non-profit organisations and causes. The challenge this time was to trek, ski and canoe across one of the most remote places on Earth: the upper Kongakut Valley in northern Alaska. The team's goal was to support efforts to protect wildlife and conservation of this unique area of the world. Proceeds raised by the team would go to the Colorado Cancer Foundation,

The first task of the trip was to climb the Alaskan Continental Divide which runs from the base of the Kongakut River to the Arctic Ocean. Unfortunately, due to global warming, there was little snow, so the team was unable to ski the surrounding mountains as planned and had to settle only on hiking the divide. The hike turned out to be a strenuous task, involving crossing raging rivers and climbing steep mountainous terrain. After a gruelling day covering 4,500 feet, the team reached the top to enjoy stunning views of the surrounding valleys. They encountered hundreds of fearless caribou that appeared to have never seen humans before.

With the continental divide conquered, the team assembled their inflatable canoes for the journey downriver. To their amazement, the river was extremely shallow in many sections so the team had to push and drag their fully-loaded boats downstream. The first couple of days the team managed to travel only 3-5 kilometres per day instead of the estimated 24 km per day. This was very discouraging and tiring for the team. Fortunately, the river finally deepened and narrowed allowing the canoes to pick up speed. The canoes eventually encountered some challenging rapids which were the most difficult the adventurers had ever experienced.

The team was thrilled to see ancient glaciers on the river and at one point paddled through one to find themselves surrounded by blue ice. Finally, the river met the Arctic Ocean and the team built shelters on the beach and watched in the distance as waves crashed against drifting icebergs.

The next day they set off in their canoes to meet their plane at the landing strip. Along the way, they saw a polar bear. The bear began to follow them for some distance, but eventually gave up. At the landing strip they set up camp to enjoy one final evening in the Arctic wilderness before meeting the plane the next day. As they sat around the campsite for the last time, the five adventurers knew how the first explorers must have felt after discovering a new land!

1. Upon arrival at the Valley the team _____

1. didn't know which direction to go.
2. realised the plane had left without them.
3. felt concerned about the task ahead.
4. lacked experience for such a trip.

2. The Across the Atlas organisation _____

1. donates money to various charities.
2. hired the adventure team.
3. is a tourist travel agency.
4. is a wildlife conservation group.

3. The team didn't ski on the trip _____

1. because the climb took the entire day.
2. due to the lack of snow.
3. due to hundreds of caribou.
4. due to very steep mountains.

4. While canoeing, the team was surprised _____

1. at the difficulty of the river rapids.
2. by the glaciers floating on the river.
3. at how far the ocean was.
4. by the depth of the river.

5. When the team arrived at the Ocean, _____

1. they encountered a polar bear.
2. they paddled to the landing strip.
3. they camped on the beach.
4. they waited for the plane.

