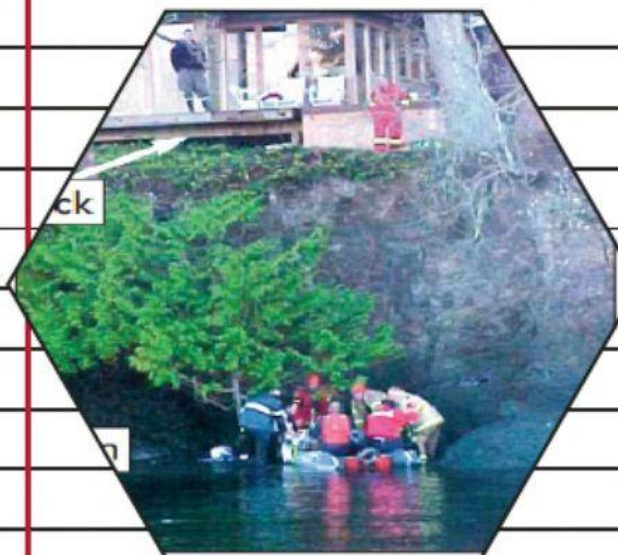


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## "Simple past affirmative and negative"

1. Complete the story by using the past form of the verbs in parentheses. Pay attention to the negative sentences.

### Mike Harcourt never gave up



Mike Harcourt is well known in British Columbia. He  (Be) the mayor of Vancouver from 1980 to 1986 and the premier of BC from 1991 to 1996. In 2002, Mike Harcourt  (Have) a serious accident. He  (Slip) on the deck of his cottage on Pender Island. He  (Fall) six meters into the ocean. Luckily, Harcourt's wife

(Find) him right away. She  (Call) 9-1-1. The Coast Guard  (Come). They  (Get) Harcourt out of the water. He  (Not / can) move his arms or legs.



Doctors operated

An air ambulance  (Take) Harcourt to Vancouver General Hospital. Harcourt had injured his spinal cord. Doctors  (operate) on his  (injure) spine. They  (Not/Be) sure if Harcourt would walk again.



Relearning to use his body

Harcourt  (Be) very athletic before the accident. He  (Run) every day. Now he  (Have) to build his muscles again. He  (Have) to relearn to use his body. He says, "I always believed I would walk again. I  (Not/want) to give up on that idea."

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