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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.

Climber loses nine fingers



Erik Bjarnason is a firefighter in North Vancouver. In 2005, Erik and seven friends (decide) to climb Mt. Logan.

Mt. Logan Mt.

Mt. Logan is in Yukon. It is the highest mountain in Canada. It is 5,956 meters.

A storm hit

Erik and two of his friends (climb) to 5,500 meters. Suddenly, there (Be) a storm. The wind (blow) at 140 kilometers an hour and the temperature (Go) down to -30° C. The wind (blow) away the men's tents and extra clothing. Erik (No/Have) gloves. His fingers (freeze).

Helicopter rescued men

Erik and his friends (build) a snow cave. They (use) their radio to contact the other climbers.

After three days, a helicopter (rescue) the men.

It (take) them to a hospital. All three men (have) frostbite.

Erik lost nine fingers

Doctors (amputate) nine of Erik's fingers. He still has one thumb. Erik (return) to his job as a firefighter after he (recover). He also (continue) to climb mountains.

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