

11c A problem in the Arctic

Reading and listening a trip to the North Pole

1 Read the article and answer the questions.

- Who was on the expedition?

- What did they carry their equipment on?

- What did they see on the first day?



Arctic trek

In 2006, Borge Ousland, a Norwegian, was on an expedition to the North Pole. He was with a South African, Mike Horn. They traveled across the ice on skis.¹ They carried their equipment² on sledges. On the first day, they saw a polar bear.³ That night, it ate part of their rubber boat.⁴ One day, the weather was really bad. Listen to their story.

¹skis (noun)
/ski:z/



²equipment (noun)
/i'kwipmənt/



³a polar bear (noun)
/ˌpəʊlə 'beə/



⁴a rubber boat (noun)
/ˌrʌbə 'bəʊt/



2 128 Listen to the story. Put the sentences in order (1–6).

- Borge Ousland helped him. _____
- It was snowy and windy. 1
- Mike Horn fell into the sea. _____
- Ousland started a fire. _____
- The ice broke. _____
- They dried Horn's clothes. _____



Grammar simple past Wh- questions

3 Put the words in order to make questions about the Arctic trek story.

- Borge Ousland / did / who / travel with / ?

- go / did / when / to the North Pole / they / ?

- the polar bear / did / eat / what / ?

- did / fall / Mike Horn / where / ?

- Mike Horn / fall / why / did / ?

- start a fire / Borge Ousland / did / why / ?

4 What are the answers to the questions in Exercise 3? Circle the correct option.

- Mike Horn / skis
- in 2006 / in 2010
- their sledges / their boat
- onto the ice / into the sea
- because the ice broke / because his skis broke
- to make some food / to dry Horn's clothes

5 Word focus get

Complete the sentences with these words.

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- Did they get to the _____ Pole?
- Did you get my _____? I sent it yesterday.
- She got some great _____ for her birthday.
- We didn't get _____ until midnight.



11d Did you have a good time?

Real life talking about the past

1 **▶ 129** Put the conversations in order. Listen and check.

- 1 a Did you have a nice meal on Saturday? 1
 b I found a snail in my food! _____
 c No, we didn't. _____
 d Oh no! What did you do? _____
 e Oh? Why not? _____
 f We left the restaurant and we didn't pay! _____
- 2 a Did you go scuba diving? _____
 b Did you have a nice vacation? _____
 c We went to the Red Sea. It was beautiful. _____
 d Where did you go? _____
 e Yes, thanks, we did. _____
 f Well, we didn't go scuba diving, but we went swimming. _____
- 3 a Nothing. I didn't have my laptop with me. _____
 b Did you have a good trip last week? _____
 c Oh? Why not? _____
 d Six hours! What did you do? _____
 e The weather was really bad. I was at the airport for six hours. _____
 f No, I didn't. _____

2 Pronunciation *didn't*

▶ 130 Listen and repeat these sentences with *didn't*.

- 1 We didn't pay.
- 2 We didn't go scuba diving.
- 3 I didn't have my laptop with me.
- 4 I didn't have a good trip.

Vocabulary time expressions

3 Today is Thursday. Put the time expressions in order, from most recent (1) to least recent (8).

- a last month _____
- b last night 1
- c last week _____
- d last weekend _____
- e last year _____
- f on Tuesday _____
- g three days ago _____
- h yesterday morning _____

4 Listen and respond talking about the past

▶ 131 Listen to six questions. Respond with your own words.

Did you have a good weekend?

Yes, thanks, I did.

No, I didn't.

