

**Task 1. Read the text and complete the gaps with "used to" + verb or the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.**

Climate change is making extreme weather in the mountains much more dangerous. When my uncle worked as a ski instructor fifteen years ago, the weather conditions 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very stable. The winter sports season 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (not depend) on artificial snow because it always snowed heavily in November. Back then, skiers 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) their holidays without checking weather warnings every hour.

However, everything changed because of rising temperatures and sudden heavy snowstorms. Two years ago, our favorite mountain resort 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (experience) a severe disaster. After a sudden three-day blizzard, a massive avalanche 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (crash) down the main slope. The heavy snow 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (trap) a group of snowboarders and 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) two ski lifts. Specialized rescue teams 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (search) for the missing people for twelve hours in the freezing cold before finding everyone safe.

Before that terrifying event, the resort management 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (not use) advanced radar systems to predict snow movements. But that emergency 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (force) them to upgrade their security. Last autumn, they 11 \_\_\_\_\_ (install) modern safety sensors and 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (hire) extra avalanche experts to protect the tourists.

**Task 2. Read the statements and decide if they are True or False according to the text.**

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| 1. Fifteen years ago, the mountain resort had to use artificial snow from November.    | True / False |
| 2. In the past, skiers did not have to check weather warnings every hour.              | True / False |
| 3. The severe disaster at the mountain resort happened last autumn.                    | True / False |
| 4. The avalanche destroyed two ski lifts and trapped some snowboarders.                | True / False |
| 5. Rescue teams spent two days searching for the missing people.                       | True / False |
| 6. Before the accident, the management used advanced radars to predict snow movements. | True / False |
| 7. The resort hired extra avalanche experts last autumn to improve safety.             | True / False |

### Task 3. Listen and choose.

*Where can you find out about what to do in extreme weather conditions?*

- 1 the internet      2 books      3 school      4 ask people (who?)      5 your own ideas

**Task 4. You will hear an interview with a girl called Lacey Anderson, who writes a blog about the weather. For each question, choose the correct answer.**

**1 Why did Lacey decide to write a blog about the weather?**

- A It seemed like a good way to help her become a TV weather presenter.
- B She enjoyed sharing her photos of extreme weather conditions online.
- C There was little information available about weather in her area.

**2 What does Lacey think people like about her blog?**

- A They can follow links to other websites about weather.
- B They can upload information about weather in their area.
- C They can ask questions about future weather events.

**3 When asked about the effects of her blog on readers, Lacey says she feels**

- A surprised that they take notice of what she suggests.
- B pleased that they offer advice based on their experiences.
- C excited that they encourage other people to read her blog.

**4 Lacey says that her local weather centre has**

- A given her information that she couldn't find anywhere else.
- B saved her a lot of time and effort.
- C provided pictures free of charge.

**5 Lacey's parents decided to get involved in her blog when**

- A they got jobs as firefighters.
- B Lacey asked them to write an article about forest fires.
- C they learned about how a particular fire started.

**6 What does Lacey say about the organisations which support her blog?**

- A Her school allows her to take time out of class to write her blog.
- B The local newspaper regularly prints positive reviews of her blog.
- C A shop in the area gave her some products to sell through her blog.