



1. You are going to read a text about a rescue. Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).



So Others Can LIVE

The near-miraculous rescue of a young Inuit boy makes for a heart-warming story. Our reporter Gayle Haines reports.

It all began on 10th November, when 15-year-old Tommy Nakaluk and his uncle Joe had started out on what was supposed to have been a routine weekend hunting trip. Unfortunately, while the pair were on their way back to their camp on the coast of Southampton Island, their snowmobile broke down.

If it hadn't been so cold, the two would have simply stayed where they were until help arrived. However, as the weather forecast had shown night temperatures falling to -20 degrees, Uncle Joe set off on foot for the settlement of Seal Harbour. It was at this point that things turned deadly for young Tommy. The area of ice he was standing on broke away from the main ice mass and he was suddenly afloat on an ice floe measuring approximately 50 m by 50 m. This was where he would spend the next forty-eight hours.

Luckily for Tommy, his uncle had made it back to Seal Harbour and raised the alarm. Immediately, the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC), an organisation made up of members of the military and the coast guard, sprang into action. After a two-day search, Tommy was spotted by a JRCC helicopter and the dramatic rescue began. Searchers parachuted onto a nearby chunk of ice and then began making their way, jumping from ice floe to ice floe, to Tommy's location. When they finally reached the boy, they discovered he was suffering from both frostbite and hypothermia. Despite the boy's poor condition, he managed to thank the rescue team for coming to save him.

In an interview conducted on 13th November outside the hospital where Tommy was being treated, Kevin MacDonald, one of the searchers who took part in the rescue operation, stated that what he and his team members had done had been nothing out of the ordinary. "The way I see it," commented MacDonald, "if Tommy had been on that ice floe much longer, he might not have been so lucky. We were just doing our jobs, it's all a part of what we do. Our motto at JRCC is 'So Others Can Live' and we take those words very seriously."

1. Joe and Tommy went on a hiking trip to the mountains.
2. Joe and Tommy didn't have any tools to fix the snowmobile.
3. It was -20 degrees when they got stuck.
4. Tommy spent two days alone on the ice floe.
5. Rescuers parachuted onto the chunk of ice Tommy was on.
6. The rescue team consisted of ten members.
7. Tommy was able to talk when the rescuers found him.
8. It was an extraordinary situation for the rescuers.