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Climber falls 305 metres and lives

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A climber is lucky to be alive today after he fell 305m down a mountain. Adam Potter, 36, was climbing near Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland, when he slipped on some ice. Falling the height of the Empire State Building would kill most people, but Mr. Potter escaped with just a few cuts and bruises. The helicopter rescue team were shocked when they arrived at the rescue area to see Potter standing up talking on his mobile phone. Royal Navy rescuer Tim Barker said: "We did expect to...find the worst-case scenario."

It's a miracle how Adam Potter survived the fall. Mountain climbing is a dangerous sport and many people die every year in accidents. Potter told reporters that his fall wouldn't stop him climbing. He said he wants to climb Mount Everest one day. Potter remembers what he was thinking as he was falling. His first thoughts were: "This is going to hurt." Then he thought about Mount Everest: "I was thinking about my trip I'm about to go on in two months to climb Everest. I was thinking it would put a stop to that," he said.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. lucky to | a. bruises |
| 2. he slipped | b. the Empire State Building |
| 3. Falling the height of | c. area |
| 4. a few cuts and | d. be alive |
| 5. they arrived at the rescue | e. case scenario |
| 6. the worst- | f. on some ice |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. It's a miracle | a. stop him climbing |
| 2. many people die | b. how Adam Potter survived |
| 3. his fall won't | c. stop to that |
| 4. This is going | d. about my trip |
| 5. I was thinking | e. every year in accidents |
| 6. it would put a | f. to hurt |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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A climber is _____ today after he fell 305m down a mountain. Adam Potter, 36, _____ Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland, _____ some ice. Falling the height of the Empire State Building would kill most people, but Mr. Potter escaped _____ and bruises. The helicopter rescue team were shocked when they arrived _____ to see Potter standing up talking on his mobile phone. Royal Navy rescuer Tim Barker said: "We did expect to..._____ scenario."

It's a miracle how Adam Potter _____. Mountain climbing is a dangerous sport and many people die every year in accidents. Potter told reporters _____ stop him climbing. He said he wants to climb Mount Everest one day. Potter remembers what he was thinking _____. His first thoughts were: "This _____." Then he thought about Mount Everest: "I was thinking about my trip I'm about _____ months to climb Everest. I was _____ a stop to that," he said.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A (1) _____ is lucky to be alive today after he fell 305m down a mountain. Adam Potter, 36, was climbing near Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland, when he slipped (2) _____ some ice. Falling the (3) _____ of the Empire State Building would kill most people, but Mr. Potter escaped (4) _____ just a few cuts and bruises. The helicopter rescue team were shocked when they arrived at the rescue area to see Potter (5) _____ up talking on his mobile phone. Royal Navy rescuer Tim Barker said: "We did expect to...find the (6) _____ -case scenario."

It's a miracle (7) _____ Adam Potter survived the fall. Mountain climbing is a dangerous sport and many people (8) _____ every year in accidents. Potter told reporters that his fall wouldn't stop him climbing. He said he wants to climb Mount Everest (9) _____ day. Potter remembers what he was thinking (10) _____ he was falling. His first thoughts were: "This is going to hurt." Then he thought about Mount Everest: "I was thinking about my trip I'm about to go (11) _____ in two months to climb Everest. I was thinking it would put a (12) _____ to that," he said.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) climber | (b) climb | (c) climbs |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) at |
| 3. | (a) high | (b) tall | (c) height |
| 4. | (a) by | (b) with | (c) so |
| 5. | (a) stood | (b) stands | (c) standing |
| 6. | (a) best | (b) worst | (c) medium |
| 7. | (a) how | (b) when | (c) who |
| 8. | (a) death | (b) dead | (c) die |
| 9. | (a) one | (b) in | (c) bad |
| 10. | (a) was | (b) as | (c) has |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) an | (c) on |
| 12. | (a) end | (b) stop | (c) discontinue |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. yuklc to be alive
2. he edslipp on some ice
3. the ihhget of the Empire State Building
4. cuts and isuserb
5. they arrived at the ueercs area
6. the trosw-case scenario

Paragraph 2

7. It's a mrcalei
8. Potter disurvve the fall
9. people die every year in scaetdci
10. Potter beesrrmm what he was thinking
11. His first uhhtotsg
12. my trip I'm buaot to go on

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () stop him climbing. He said he wants to climb Mount Everest one day. Potter remembers what
- () sport and many people die every year in accidents. Potter told reporters that his fall won't
- () people, but Mr. Potter escaped with just a few cuts and bruises. The helicopter rescue
- () climbing near Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland, when he slipped
- () he was thinking as he was falling. His first thoughts were: "This is going to
- (**1**) A climber is lucky to be alive today after he fell 305m down a mountain. Adam Potter, 36, was
- () on in two months to climb Everest. I was thinking it would put a stop to that," he said.
- () hurt." Then he thought about Mount Everest: "I was thinking about my trip I'm about to go
- () It's a miracle how Adam Potter survived the fall. Mountain climbing is a dangerous
- () on his mobile phone. Royal Navy rescuer Tim Barker said: "We did expect to...find the worst-case scenario."
- () team were shocked when they arrived at the rescue area to see Potter standing up talking
- () on some ice. Falling the height of the Empire State Building would kill most

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. be climber alive is today lucky to A.

2. Empire the State height Building of the Falling.

3. cuts with few bruises escaped a and Potter just.

4. The rescue were helicopter team shocked.

5. the find ... to expect did We scenario case - worst.

6. It's how survived miracle Potter fall a Adam the.

7. in year every die people Many accidents.

8. said he wants to climb Mt Everest one day He.

9. my about on about I'm go Thinking trip to.

10. a stop to that I was thinking it would put.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. MOUNTAIN CLIMBING: Search the Internet and find more information about mountain climbing. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about luck. Include imaginary interviews with people who have good and bad luck. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Adam. Ask him three questions about luck. Give him three of your opinions on what he should do from now. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.