



ENGLISH

Chapter 16 Session B

4th
SECONDARY

Skills Expansion (Part II)



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Reading

Skill: Identifying text organization

Skills tip

For a narrative text, look for time phrases (*next, then, before, etc.*) and try to picture the story in your mind so you can put events in order.

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71 Read the newspaper story and number each paragraph in the correct order (1-7).





LUCKY ESCAPE FOR FAMILY LOST IN *DEATH VALLEY*

____ “I’ve no idea how they managed to survive out there for three days,” says Mike Pontinsky. “But tonight the family is naturally very happy to be safe.”

____ According to the ranger who eventually found them, Mr. Harrison was driving down a steep hill when suddenly the brakes on the car failed. The car continued down the hill faster and faster, leaving the road and



continuing for 300 yards until it finally rolled over and hit a rock.

_____ A Canadian family had a very lucky escape when the car they were driving crashed in Death Valley, California. Unbelievably, for three days they survived in temperatures over 120 degrees Fahrenheit, with almost nothing to eat or drink.

_____ "We call it an SCR – that means a Single Car Rollover. It causes more deaths here than anything else," says Park Manager, Mike Pontinsky. He added that the crash happened 20 miles outside Furnace Creek, the hottest place in Death Valley.



____ Luckily, none of the family members were seriously hurt in the crash. Mr. Harrison immediately tried to call 911, but his cell phone didn't work. Mike Pontinsky confirms that unfortunately cell phones don't work in many parts of Death Valley.



_____ Mr. Lenny Harrison, his wife, Jacqueline, and their two sons, Paul (aged 15) and David (aged 19), had decided to go to Las Vegas for their summer vacation. They had rented a 4x4 car for the day and were enjoying a great tour of Death Valley when disaster struck.

_____ Then the Harrison family discovered more bad news. They had only two bottles of water and a few bags of potato chips in the car. They hadn't even had lunch that day because they were in a hurry to get back to their hotel in Las Vegas.





2 Answer the questions.

- 1 What is Mike Pontinsky's job?
- 2 How old is Paul?
- 3 Where were the Harrisons staying?
- 4 Where were they when their car crashed?
- 5 Where exactly did the crash happen?



3 With a partner, close your book and retell the story in your own words.

A Canadian family was on vacation in Las Vegas when they decided to go to Death Valley for the day.



Challenge!

Make a group. Choose a person from the story and imagine you are that person. Your classmates will interview you about your experience.

Mr. Harrison, why did you decide to go to Death Valley?



Writing

- 1** Write about an important event in your life.
Look at the Study guide to help you.

I remember when I met my best friend. I was ...



Study guide

Writing about an important event in your life

- 1 Think of a past event you remember well.

when I met my best friend

- 2 What were you doing at the time?

dancing at a party

- 3 What had you done just before?

been to a karaoke bar

- 4 What happened exactly?

she fell over / I helped her up ...