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FLUENCY BOOSTER

Here are the answers but there are always different ways of answering. Don't try to be perfect. Use this lesson many times. If you want to improve your speaking you need to speak a lot!

What would you do in a life or death situation? What would you give up to save your life? Could you give up your house or your car? Could you give up all the money in your bank account?

How much could you give up? Could you give up your own arm? What if your life depended on it? Could you cut your own arm off? In 2003, Aron Ralston was in that kind of life or death situation.

What kind of situation was it? It was a life or death situation. When did it happen? It happened in 2003.

Aron was hiking in a desert canyon when something terrible happened. **Did something wonderful happen?**

No, something wonderful didn't happen. Something terrible happened.

Where was he hiking? He was hiking in a desert canyon.

He fell and his arm became trapped under a big rock.

Did he fall? Yes, he fell. Did his arm become trapped under a house? No, his arm didn't become trapped under a house. His arm became trapped under a big rock.

There was no one to help him. He had only two choices. He could die or he could cut his arm off to escape.

How many choices did he have? He had only two choices. *What* choices did Aron have? He could die or he could cut his arm off.

Aron was an experienced adventure athlete.

Was Aron an experienced athlete? Yes, he was an experienced adventure athlete.

In 2002, he quit his job as an engineer and set a world record for climbing.

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When did he quit his job? He quit his job in 2002. Did Aron set a record for climbing? Yes, he set a world record for climbing.

He became the first person to climb all of Colorado's largest mountains alone in winter.

Who was the first person to climb all of Colorado's largest mountains alone in Winter? Aron was the first person to climb all of Colorado's largest mountains alone in Winter.

He was not afraid of danger.

Was he afraid? No, he was not afraid.

In 2003, he was almost killed by an avalanche while skiing.

What happened in 2003? In 2003 he was almost killed by an avalanche while skiing.

Later that same year he almost lost his life while hiking.

What happened later that year? Later that year he almost lost his life while hiking.



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He didn't expect it to be dangerous, so he made a very big mistake. He didn't tell anyone where he was going.

What mistake did Aron make? He didn't tell anyone where he was going. Did he expect it to be dangerous? No, he didn't expect it to be dangerous.

On the first day he hiked about twenty miles into the desert when he fell into a hole.

How far did he hike? He hiked about twenty miles. Did he fall into a lake? No, he didn't fall into a lake. He fell into a hole.

As he fell, he moved a large rock that weighed 360 kilos. The rock landed on his arm.

What landed on his arm? A large rock landed on his arm. How much did the rock weigh? The rock weighed 360 kilos.

He was trapped. He was alone in the desert, and no one knew where he was.

Was Aron with his friends in the desert? No, he wasn't with his friends in the desert. He was all alone in the desert.

Aron knew that help was not coming. Did he think that help was coming? No, he knew that help was not coming.

He immediately thought of cutting off his arm.

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