



## ACTIVE SPEAKING

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.**

He was hiking in a desert canyon when something terrible happened. **Did something wonderful happen? No, something wonderful didn't happen. Something terrible happened.**

He fell and 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.

**What choices did Aron have? He could die or he could cut his arm off.**

Aron was an experienced adventure athlete. In 2002, he quit his job as an engineer and set a world record for climbing.

**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. 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. 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.**

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.**

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.**

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

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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