

Student's Worksheet

Read the text about Dave Cornthwaite and complete the gaps 1-6 with the correct word A, B, C or D.

Lead the Way¹

On 22nd January, 2007, Dave Cornthwaite from Wales, became the first person to skateboard across Australia. He 1) a new world record, by skating a total of 5,823 kilometres. Jack Smith, the previous champion, had skated a total of 4,830 kilometres across the US in 2003. Dave's journey started in Perth and ended in Brisbane travelling on average 60 kilometres per day. It took him five months, thirteen pairs of shoes and over a dozen tubes of sunscreen. He went through great physical 2) and he got extremely sore feet.

If Dave Hadn't believed in making his dreams 3) true, none of this would have happened. Dave quit his job two weeks after he had bought a skateboard and decided to go on a journey. He wanted this journey to be about something more than him so he created BoardFree an association that would 4) money for charities. "If people follow my 5)..... and make donations, then I am doing a lot of people a lot of good," said Dave. This journey had many challenges. He travelled across the Australian desert where temperatures reached 48°C in the day and 0° at night. He had a serious accident in Adelaide when he jumped on piece of metal that cut through his heel. He also had a nasty fall down a hill where he banged his head hard on the pavement and 6) his ankle.

Dave helped to raise more than £ 50,000 (€ 74,000) for children's charities, wrote a book and motivated others to follow in his footsteps. We wish we had more people like him leading the way!

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| 1. a) put | b) made | c) set | d) fixed |
| 2. a) suffer | b) hurt | c) ache | d) pain |
| 3. a) draw | b) happen | c) reach | d) come |
| 4. a) raise | b) rise | c) rose | d) take |
| 5. a) excursion | b) voyage | c) journey | d) expedition |
| 6. a) twisted | b) turned | c) hurted | d) spin |

Check these words :

set a world record, champion, sunscreen, physical pain, dream come true, quit, association, raise money, make a donation, challenge, desert, nasty fall, motivate, bang his head, charity organisation, follow one's footsteps, on average , a total of

¹ adapted from Matura Prime Time Pre-Intermediate , Virginia Evans, Jenny Dooley, Express Publishing, p.88

David Cornthwaite-skateboarding across Australia. Part 1

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Look at the map of Australia. Mark Dave's journey and the most important event that happened on the way.



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Student's Worksheet

Past Simple and Past Perfect Tenses.

Look at the sentence from the text about Dave Cornthwaite:

Dave quit his job two weeks after he had bought a skateboard and decided to go on a journey.

What happened first? When did Dave quit his job? What happened next? What tenses are used? Why is it necessary to use two past tenses?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets in Past Simple or Past Perfect tense.

1. He (look)tired, he (spend)the whole morning working in the garden.
2. When I (arrive)..... at the party Jane (leave)..... already.
3. When the ambulance (arrive)..... the man (die).....
4. Susan (take)Tom to the hospital as he (cut)..... his finger preparing lunch.
5. The travel agent (offer)us a better deal after we (book)..... two weeks in Egypt on the Internet.
6. Kristen (go)on her first date last night with the boy she (meet)the previous week.
7. The film already (begin)by the time the girls (buy)the tickets.
8. The tourists (pull)..... their cameras out of their bags and (take)..... photos as soon as they (see)the spectacular view.
9. At the opening ceremony, the mayor (make)an emotional speech. Obviously he (prepare)..... and (work)on it beforehand.
10. Jerry (work)as a waiter for two years before he (find)this job.
11. Mary's parents (be married)for 20 years when they suddenly (split)..... up.
12. We (have)to wait for hours at the station because the accident (damage)..... the line.
13. I finally (see)Sue. We (arrange)..... to meet at the Central café before going to the cinema.
14. At the annual meeting he (can/ talk)to some friends he (not/ see)since he (leave)..... school.
15. When Peter (turn)up, we (already/ have)lunch.
16. The conference was a bit of a mess! In fact, I feel the speakers (not/ prepare) their talks quite seriously, so people (find)them really uninteresting.
17. Peter (say)..... he (make)..... the meal on his own, but nobody (believe)him.
18. Luckily, when the light (go)..... off, we (finish)the birthday party.
19. Mary (visit)the village where she (live)as a child last month.
20. She (not/finish)..... typing the letter by the time he (arrive)..... to take her to the cinema.