

David Cornthwaite-skateboarding across Australia. Part 1

Worksheet Teacher's notes

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) **set** 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) **pain** and he got extremely sore feet.

If Dave Hadn't believed in making his dreams 3) **come** 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) **raise** money for charities." If people follow my 5) **journey** 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) **twisted** 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 |

Make sure the students know 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

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



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Past Simple and Past Perfect Tenses.

Ask the students to 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? *Dave bought a skateboard* . What happened next? *He quit his job*. When did Dave quit his job? *Two weeks later, after he had bought the skateboard..* What tenses are used? *Past Simple and Past Perfect* . Why is it necessary to use two past tenses? *To indicate what happened first as those two events are not logical and not in chronological order, we need to let the reader know what was the course of action.*

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

1. He (looked) tired, he (had spent) the whole morning working in the garden.
2. When I (arrived) at the party Jane (had already left) already.
3. When the ambulance (arrived) the man (had died)
4. Susan (took) Tom to the hospital as he (had cut) his finger preparing lunch.
5. The travel agent (offered) us a better deal after we (had booked) two weeks in Egypt on the Internet.
6. Kristen (went) on her first date last night with the boy she (had met) the previous week.
7. The film already (had begun) by the time the girls (bought) the tickets.
8. The tourists (pulled) their cameras out of their bags and (took) photos as soon as they (saw) the spectacular view.
9. At the opening ceremony , the mayor (made) an emotional speech. Obviously he (had prepared) and (worked) on it beforehand.
10. Jerry (had worked) as a waiter for two years before he (found) this job.
11. Mary's parents (had been married) for 20 years when they suddenly (split) up.
12. We (had) to wait for hours at the station because the accident (had damaged) the line.
13. I finally (saw) Sue. We (had arranged) to meet at the Central café before going to the cinema.
14. At the annual meeting he (could talk) to some friends he (had not seen) since he (had left) school.
15. When Peter (turned up, we (had already had) lunch.
16. The conference was a bit of a mess! In fact, I feel the speakers (had not prepared) their talks quite seriously, so people (found) them really uninteresting.
17. Peter (said) he (had made). the meal on his own, but nobody (believed) him.
18. Luckily, when the light (went) off, we (had finished) the birthday party.
19. Mary (visited) the village where she (had live)as a child last month.
20. She (had not finished) typing the letter by the time he (arrived)to take her to the cinema.