

ISE II Reading Focus

QSE B1-B2, Unit 17 p77

✓ Title matching

1. Read the text below and match the titles to the sections

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A.

On Sunday the 27th April 2003, 27-year-old Aron Ralston, an experienced mountaineer, set off on a 13-mile (21 km) hike through the Bluejohn Canyon in Utah. He expected the hike would take him about 12 hours. On his way, while climbing through a narrow section of the canyon, an 800-pound (360 kg) boulder fell and trapped his arm. He was unable to move. Ralston lay trapped in the canyon for five days. His water ran out after four days. A search party that went looking for him found no sign of him. On Thursday, he used a pocket knife to amputate his arm below the elbow. He then walked out of the canyon and was taken to hospital. Search and rescue veteran Rex Tanner was asked what Ralston did right and wrong.

B.

Rex: I think the most important thing is that he kept his head. In an emergency situation, you need a stable frame of mind.

C.

Rex: Ralston had broken the most important rule of climbing. He had not told anyone where he was going. There are a lot of things he should have done that he didn't do. For example, he could have asked someone to do the hike with him. He could have taken a cell phone with him. He shouldn't have set out without doing at least one of these things. It's really not that difficult to do, and it doesn't take away from the wilderness experience.

D.

Rex: The media made him into a hero. But they never talked about how the guy got himself into trouble because he made some bad decisions. When someone gets himself into trouble, the lives of the people who are trying to help him may be in danger. He should have thought about that.

E.

Rex: Having enough water is number one. Being able to start a fire is number two. The proper clothing is important. Also, you have to realize when things are getting difficult. Before you climb down into a canyon, it's important that you figure out how you're going to get out.

Paragraph titles:

<p>a) What could Ralston have done to avoid the situation?</p>	<p>b) How do you think Ralston managed to survive?</p>	<p>c) What basic tips would you suggest to help people survive in the wild?</p>	<p>d) Did climber have to cut off arm to save life?</p>	<p>e) Ralston's story was broadcast from England to Brazil. What do you think about that?</p>
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2. Complete the table below with reasons the titles match with the sections. Look at the example in paragraph C for some ideas of what to write.

Section/title	Why they match
A. Did climber have to cut off arm to save life?	
B. How do you think Ralston managed to survive?	
C. What could Ralston have done to avoid the situation?	<i>Repeated use of should/could have + past participle in the paragraph</i>
D. Ralston's story was broadcast from England to Brazil. What do you think about that?	
E. What basic tips would you suggest to help people survive in the wild?	