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A few months ago me and Anna decided to go snowboarding. As I have a house in the countryside near mountains, that one can reach in a matter of minutes of driving, our plan was to stay there.

We arrived in the morning, and sat in the kitchen, enjoying the view from the window. The snow was falling ~~fast~~, the cold winter sun was shining, and everything looked gorgeous.

Let's introduce to this whole situation. Even though me and Ann ~~are~~ were just ~~the~~ teenagers, we decided to go on a freeride (which literally means: no guidance, no instructions, no safety, and lots of adrenaline). In order to save money we found an inexpensive driver who agreed to get us to a "terrific snowboarding place". He also didn't insist on us getting ~~an~~ insurances. Our money was safe and sound.

So the driver, whose name was Ted, drove us into a very strange place. It was most definitely not suitable for snowboarding. But Ted told us that everything would work out perfectly and left.

I was the first one to go. As I was mentally getting ready to go down, Ann told me:

- Please, be careful.

- Oh, mom, is that you? The resemblance is uncanny.

As I was going down, an adrenaline rush hit me. It was absolutely awesome! But then suddenly a blanket of terror coated me, and I felt like my head was going to explode. I saw that ~~the~~ ^{my} road was ending abruptly, and ~~nothing~~ could be seen underneath, except for a giant lake with frozen water. I fell down, crying so loudly. Ann heard me from a large distance.

- Melanie, what's going on?

That was the last thing I heard before falling into the

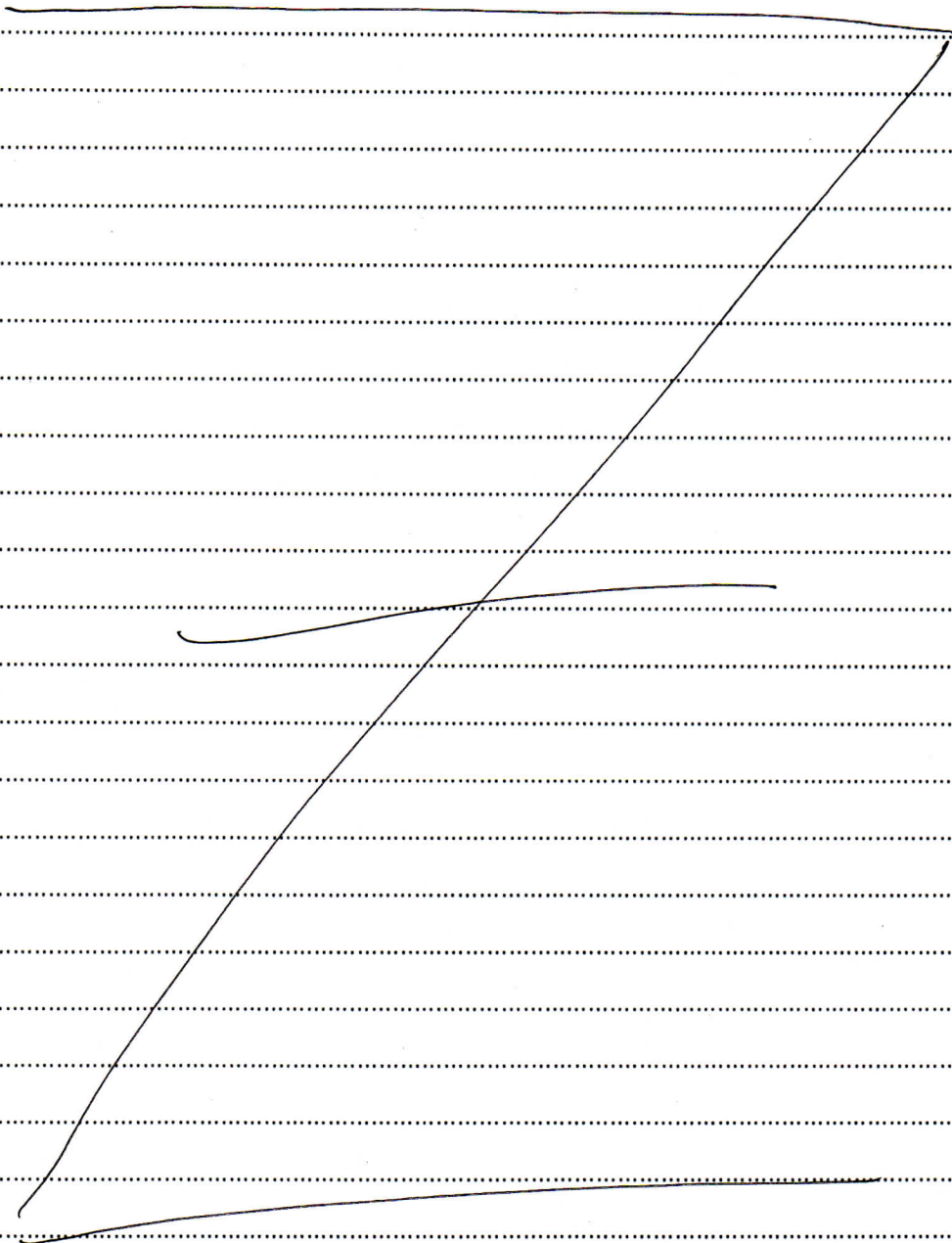


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ice-cold water of a forest lake

In a few hours Ann found me. I don't remember how we got ~~home~~ back. Ted never came back. We got ~~home~~ back home in the piece: cold, drenched, but having learnt an important lesson.





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Reading Answer Sheet

1.	F
2.	C
3.	A
4.	E
5.	D
6.	B

7.	BCD
8.	BC
9.	C
10.	B
11.	A
12.	A
13.	D
14.	A
15.	C
16.	A
17.	AD
18.	B
19.	D
20.	B

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Listening Answer Sheet

Task 1

For questions 1-8 choose the correct answer or answers A, B, C or D.

For questions 9-10 complete the sentences using 1 word from the recording.

1.	AC
2.	B
3.	A
4.	C
5.	BD
6.	D
7.	AC
8.	BD
9.	layout
10.	consistent

Task 2

Letters A-H list the reasons for attending the course. As you listen, put them in order in which you hear them by completing the boxes numbered 11-15.

For questions 16-20, choose from the list A-H what surprised the speaker about the course.

11.	D
12.	F
13.	C
14.	A
15.	E
16.	E
17.	F
18.	A
19.	C
20.	D



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Use of English

1.	P
2.	G
3.	W
4.	O
5.	L
6.	M
7.	D
8.	H
9.	T
10.	U
11.	Edinburgh
12.	League Tables
13.	1707
14.	Black Beauty
15.	Peter Pan
16.	benefits
17.	black
18.	mentoring
19.	loose
20.	heft

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