Day 7

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Escape from the Mountains

map of Kyrgyzstan

Four kidnapped climbers face danger in a far-off country.

Four mountain climbers hung 1,000 feet above the ground. They were sleeping on tiny cots dangling from the side of a cliff.

That's when the shots rang out.

"They're shooting at us!" yelled Beth Rodden. Rodden, at age 20, was one of the world's top woman climbers.

On the ground, three soldiers waved at the climbers, yelling, "Come down, now!"

The four Americans had scaled many dangerous mountains. But nothing had prepared them for this trip.

A Foreign Land

Rodden and her boyfriend, 22-year-old Tommy Caldwell, were climbing with Jason Smith, 22, and John Dickey, 25. They were in a country called *Kyrgyzstan* (KURG-i-stan). It is located in central Asia.

Rebel soldiers there want to form their own country. Still, the area the climbers were in was thought to be safe.

The rebel soldiers took the climbers prisoner. The rebels hoped that they could trade the climbers for food or weapons.

Prisoners!

For days, the climbers and the rebels hiked through the mountains. Government helicopters flew overhead. The rebels hid the prisoners under sticks and dirt so that they couldn't be seen from the air.

The climbers each ate half an energy bar per day. They drank muddy water. They tried to sleep in the freezing cold.

The climbers hid as rebels traded gunfire with government soldiers. "We were terrified," Rodden said. "We knew we could die in a firefight, shot by either side.

"But," she added, "we kept talking about what we could do to escape."

A Chance for Freedom

On the sixth day, the batteries in the rebels' walkie-talkie died. The leader said he and others would return to the climbers' camp to get fresh ones. He left one man to keep the prisoners on the move.

The group crept along a cliff over a 1,500-foot drop. "[The guard] was having a hard time getting around," Smith said. "He stopped, and someone yelled, 'Now!' Then we pushed him off."

The guard's arms and legs thrashed in panic as he fell toward a river below. "I don't think anyone could survive a fall like that," Smith said. "No. Nobody could."

The climbers ran for the government's army camp. They ran for 18 miles. As they neared the camp, rebels began shooting at them. Government soldiers shot back. "We're Americans!" Smith yelled. "We're Americans!"

Moments later, the climbers were safe in the camp. Soldiers lent them clean clothes. The climbers described their ordeal.

Return to Climbing

Seven months have passed since the four Americans were captured. Today, all four are climbing again. But they also must deal with what they had to do to escape.

"It's hard to think about that," said Rodden about the guard who was pushed to his death. "But we were afraid we wouldn't survive. We'll have to live with it."

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1. Why did the rebel soldiers take the climbers prisoner?

    A. The rebel soldiers wanted to learn how to be better mountain climbers.

    B. The rebel soldiers needed guns so they could fight against the government soldiers.

    C. The rebel soldiers needed batteries for their walkie-talkies.

    D. The rebel soldiers wanted to trade the climbers for food or weapons.

2. In the passage, the author describes the problem that the American climbers faced of being kidnapped. How did they solve this problem?

    A. The climbers decided that they would never climb mountains again.

    B. The climbers killed one of their guards and escaped to a government army camp.

    C. The climbers slept under sticks and dirt so they would stay hidden.

    D. The climbers hiked through the mountains for days with the rebel soldiers.

3. It can be inferred from the passage that

    A. the climbers were happy to spend time in the mountains with the friendly rebel soldiers.

    B. the climbers weren't very scared during the gunfights between rebels and government soldiers.

    C. the climbers did not expect that they would interact with rebel soldiers during their trip.

    D. the climbers were mountain climbing in a very dangerous part of Kyrgyzstan.

4. Read the following sentence and answer the question below:

"'I don't think anyone could survive a fall like that,' Smith said."

In this sentence, **survive** means

    A. to run as fast as possible

    B. to live through a dangerous event

    C. to creep along a high place

    D. to fall a great distance

5. What would be another good title for this passage?

    A. Dangerous Rebels

    B. How to Climb Mountains

    C. Hiking in Kyrgyzstan

    D. Kidnapped Hikers Get Away

6. Describe three ways that the climbers suffered during their time with the rebel soldiers.

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7. Reread the section in the passage called "A Chance for Freedom." Using evidence from the text describe how the climbers might have felt during this part of their escape.

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8. Based on what you read in the text, how do the climbers probably feel when they think about how they escaped?

The rebels left the mountain climbers with only one guard _____ they needed to go back to the climbers' camp to get new batteries for their walkie-talkies.

    A. because

    B. before

    C. though

    D. until

9. Which picture shows someone who looks terrified?

10. Would a person be terrified of a flower? Why or why not?

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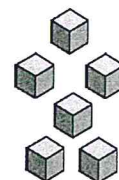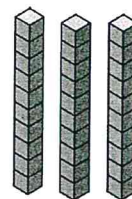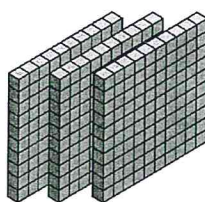
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Math Homework
Quarter 2
*Week 1 * Tuesday*

1. Draw an array to show each of the multiplication sentences below.

2 x 7   3 x 6

2. What digit is in the tens place in each number below?

3,852   5,971   2,835

3. Margo has 3 coins in her piggy bank. Her cousin Avery has three times as many coins. How many coins does Avery have?

4. Aaron bought 8 boxes of golf balls. If each box had 5 balls in it, how many golf balls did Aaron buy?

5. Using the base ten blocks below, write each number in standard, expanded, and word forms.

SF _____
EF _____
WF _____

6. Compare the numbers. Use < , >, or =.

7 x 5   ◯   4 x 9

4 x 5   ◯   6 x 3

8 x 2   ◯   23 - 12