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1 Read the blog post about an expedition and complete the diary entries.

- 3 Feb: one of the four ¹..... breaks down
5 Feb: leave in remaining vehicles
10 Feb: arrive at ²..... camp – no malaria tablets!
20 Feb: jeep returns with tablets, but ³..... of the students already sick
25 Feb: Professor has fall, breaks ⁴.....
26 Feb: local ⁵..... are leaving; expedition stopped

Here we are, back in the capital, not even a month after we set out to find and study gorillas in the rain forest.

Our bad luck began right at the start. One of the jeeps that was supposed to get us and our equipment to our base camp in the forest broke down before we'd even left the capital. We left in the other three jeeps, while mechanics fixed the one that had broken down. But no-one checked what each jeep was carrying, and the fourth jeep was the one with the anti-malarial tablets.

That's how we found ourselves in the middle of the rain forest with no protection against malaria. By the time a jeep had gone back to the city and returned with the tablets, it was too late. Four of my students had caught malaria.

I still think we'd have been OK if Professor Holmes hadn't had his fall. While we were exploring the area, he fell and broke his arm. At this point, the local guides told us they were leaving, and we could come with them or stay alone in the forest.

We had a meeting and decided to stop the expedition. It was the best decision, with five members unable to do much. It was sad, though, to leave after achieving so little.

2 Read the blog entry again. Complete the plan by matching the paragraphs (1–5) with the incidents (a–h).

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2 –

Paragraph 3 –

Paragraph 4 –

Paragraph 5

- a Four students fall ill
- b Professor breaks his arm
- c Jeep breaks down
- d Jeep sent back for medicine
- e Local guides decide to leave
- f Expedition leaves capital
- g Expedition back in capital
- h Members decide to stop expedition

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3 Read the writing task, including the diary entries. Then answer the questions.

You were in charge of an expedition to the Antarctic. Write a blog entry describing it, based on these diary entries.

- 14 June: leave the ship with four sledges
- 16 June: two students brought wrong boots, got frostbite – they have to leave
- 19 June: sledge goes through ice – half the supplies lost
- 21 June: discover some important instruments are still on ship – decide to turn back

- 1 Where will the piece appear?
a on the internet b in a newspaper
- 2 Why was the expedition finally stopped?
a lost supplies b missing instruments
- 3 Which of these sentences are true about the expedition? Tick two boxes.
 If the students had not brought the right boots, they would have got frostbite.
 The students would not have got frostbite if they had brought the right boots.
 If the sledge had not broken through the ice, they would have had fewer supplies.
 They would not have lost half the supplies if the sledge had not broken through the ice.

4 Complete the writing task presented in Exercise 3.
