Unit 4 Extension

Student A

1 Your partner has part of a news report about a man who survived in the Australian desert. Ask questions to complete the sentences.

You: What was the man’s name, and how old was he?

Student B: His name was Robert Bogucki, and he was 33 years old.

1 The man’s name was Robert Bogucki (what) and he was a 33-year-old (how old) American.

2 He survived in the desert (how long) without food or water.

3 He wanted to cross (what).

4 His plan was (what).

5 He started (when) and he took (what) with him.

6 Tourists found (what) 15 days later.

7 This was (how far) from where he started.

8 The police immediately began (what).

9 They used (what).

10 They stopped the search (when) because they thought (what).

2 Read the news report, which is the second part of the story about Robert Bogucki. Then answer your partner’s questions.

Found Alive

Bogucki’s parents believed their son was still alive, so they got a team of trackers from America, who brought specially-trained dogs. About 400 kilometres from where Bogucki started, the team found new signs of him, including an empty water bottle, his notebook and his tent.

On 23 August a helicopter found Bogucki near his last camp and took him to hospital. Doctors said he was in surprisingly good health, although he lost 20 kilograms during his time in the desert.

Bogucki said he finished all his food a few days after he started. He stayed alive by eating plants and flowers.
Lost in the Australian Desert

In 1999, an American tourist survived for 43 days in the Australian desert without food or water. 33-year-old Robert Bogucki wanted to cross the Great Sandy Desert. His plan was to ride his bike and walk. He started on 11 July 1999, taking very little food and water with him.

On 26 July, tourists found his bike and some of his camping gear, only about 35 kilometres from where he started. The police immediately began a search for Bogucki, using trackers, planes and four-wheel-drive vehicles. They stopped the search after 12 days, because they thought that Bogucki was probably dead.