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**Kamchatka Project**

After travelling round the world for almost half a week and moving through three international airports and nineteen time zones, we finally step off the helicopter. We are at the beginning of the Karimskaya River in the region of Kamchatka. It’s a bright sunny day and in the far distance I can see the Karimski volcano. This is probably the wildest place in Russia but if the weather is this good for the next few days, the expedition will go well.

In the past, when explorers arrived in a strange place, they put up their tents or cooked a meal. But nowadays, when explorers arrive in a new place, they log on to their social networking site using a satellite phone. I write, ‘Just landed. Need to relax for a few hours.’ Explorers in the past wrote about their adventures in books which were published months or years later. Nowadays, I post a message in seconds.

Sites like Facebook and Twitter also help if we have a problem. Someone in our group touched a strange plant and suddenly his skin was red and painful. I asked for advice on Twitter: ‘Hand touched a strange plant. It’s red and hot. Any advice?’ Minutes later, someone who knew the region replied, ‘Probably a Pushki plant. If it is, it’ll hurt but it won’t kill you!’ In the age of the modern explorer, communication like this really helps to make decisions and sometimes it even saves lives.