

UNIT 4

1. Read the text about Andrew Harper.

TREKKING IN AUSTRALIA

In 1999, Andrew Harper walked 4,637 kilometres across Australia. The walk took 229 days and some of the journey was through hot, dry desert. Harper didn't see many people in the desert, but he wasn't alone. He had three camels and a dog with him. But he didn't ride on the camels. While Harper was trekking through the desert, the animals were walking behind him.

Why did Harper choose to take camels with him? Because camels are strong, hard-working animals and they can carry heavy equipment across the desert. It isn't possible to cross the desert in ordinary transport such as a car, jeep or van. Two hundred years ago, people tried taking horses across the Australian desert. The horses needed to drink and many of them died while they were trying to find water. Camels survive well in the desert because they don't need water every day. They drink before their journey and they carry the water inside their bodies. They also get some water from the plants in the desert. During Harper's journey, his camels carried his food, water, clothes, sleeping bag, tent and other important equipment. The trek wasn't easy, but he loved it. Harper wrote a diary about it and put it on the Internet.

Harper loves the Australian desert and he wants other people to experience its special atmosphere. Today, he takes tourists into the desert with his camels. The participants sleep outside and cook their meals on a campfire. They must also help with the camels and learn how to care for them. It's not the perfect holiday for everybody, but it is an amazing experience.

2. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous. Then tick (✓) the sentences true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
1. In 1999, Harper (spend) 229 days in the desert.	
2. Harper (see) many people while he (walk) in the desert.	
3. The camels carried Harper's equipment while he (trek).	
4.Horses (drink) water from plants 200 years ago.		

3. Answer the questions.

1. What animals did Harper take with him?
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2. Why does Harper take tourists into the desert?
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3. What do the tourists do in the desert? Give two answers.
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