

Round the world travellers

Task 2: Student A

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Text A

James Bowthorpe, at the age of 31, became the fastest man to cycle round the globe when he arrived at Hyde Park in London on September 19th, 2009. It took him just 176 days to travel through 20 countries on his epic 18,000 mile (29,000 km) journey.

James pedalled out of the English capital, his home town, carrying 30 kilos of gear which included a GPS tracking system, camera batteries and a phone; all powered by a dynamo connected to his bike. He was sponsored by a British newspaper and managed to raise over £ 58,000 for research into Parkinson's disease.

He crossed mountains and deserts, rode along terrifying highways, battled against strong winds, collided with a wombat in Australia, broke his back brake and had to fix numerous punctures. In Thailand he was so ill that he lost a fifth of his body weight and had to spend three days in bed to recover. His other low points included being attacked by a gang of men (and then thankfully being rescued by a couple of teenagers).

Most of his encounters along the way were friendly and James was pleased to find that Lance Armstrong, a past Tour de France winner, was following his trip on social media. "For a couple of days I imagined him watching me with his arms folded, shaking his head at my technique," Bowthorpe says.

Information from The Independent, The Guardian

Question	A	B	C
Who travelled around the world?			
How did he / she travel?			
How long did the journey take?			
What do you think was the biggest problem that he / she had?			

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Task 2: Student B

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Text B

Rosie Swale Pope, a grandmother from Wales, took five years to run around the world. She was 61 when she completed her round-the-world trip in August 2008. Her 20,000 mile (32,190 km) journey, which took her through the Northern Hemisphere including Europe, America, Greenland and Iceland, raised funds for a Russian orphanage and promoted cancer awareness.

Rosie carried her equipment on a small trailer as she ran. She either camped at night or stayed with people she met on the way. She met lots of people on route; most of them friendly. She received 29 proposals of marriage (nine of them in Poland) and was rescued from the snow during a blizzard by a local in Alaska.

Did she encounter any difficulties? As well as being hit by a bus, experiencing freezing temperatures and suffering from pneumonia, she was knocked unconscious by an axeman as she was crossing a river. She also had to replace her running shoes 45 times.

Information from El Periodico, The Telegraph

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Task 2: Student C

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Text C

Mike Perham was just 16 when he set off to circumnavigate the globe. He celebrated his 17th birthday alone in the Indian Ocean on his 50-foot (15 m) racing yacht.

A birthday party for one might not sound like much fun to the average teen. Other less enjoyable parts of the trip included numerous stops to repair the yacht's rudder and autopilot, accidentally falling overboard into the water and terrible storms in open sea. One of the most tedious aspects of the trip was having to put up with a diet of 'icky' freeze-dried food.

Against these odds, British teenager Mike completed his 28,000 mile (45,000 km) sea voyage in nine months and became the youngest person to sail solo around the world in August 2009.

Many people say that 16 is too young to sail around the world alone. But Mike's father was confident that his son had the physical strength, mental capacity and technical ability necessary for the trip.

Information from The Guardian, The Adventure Blog

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