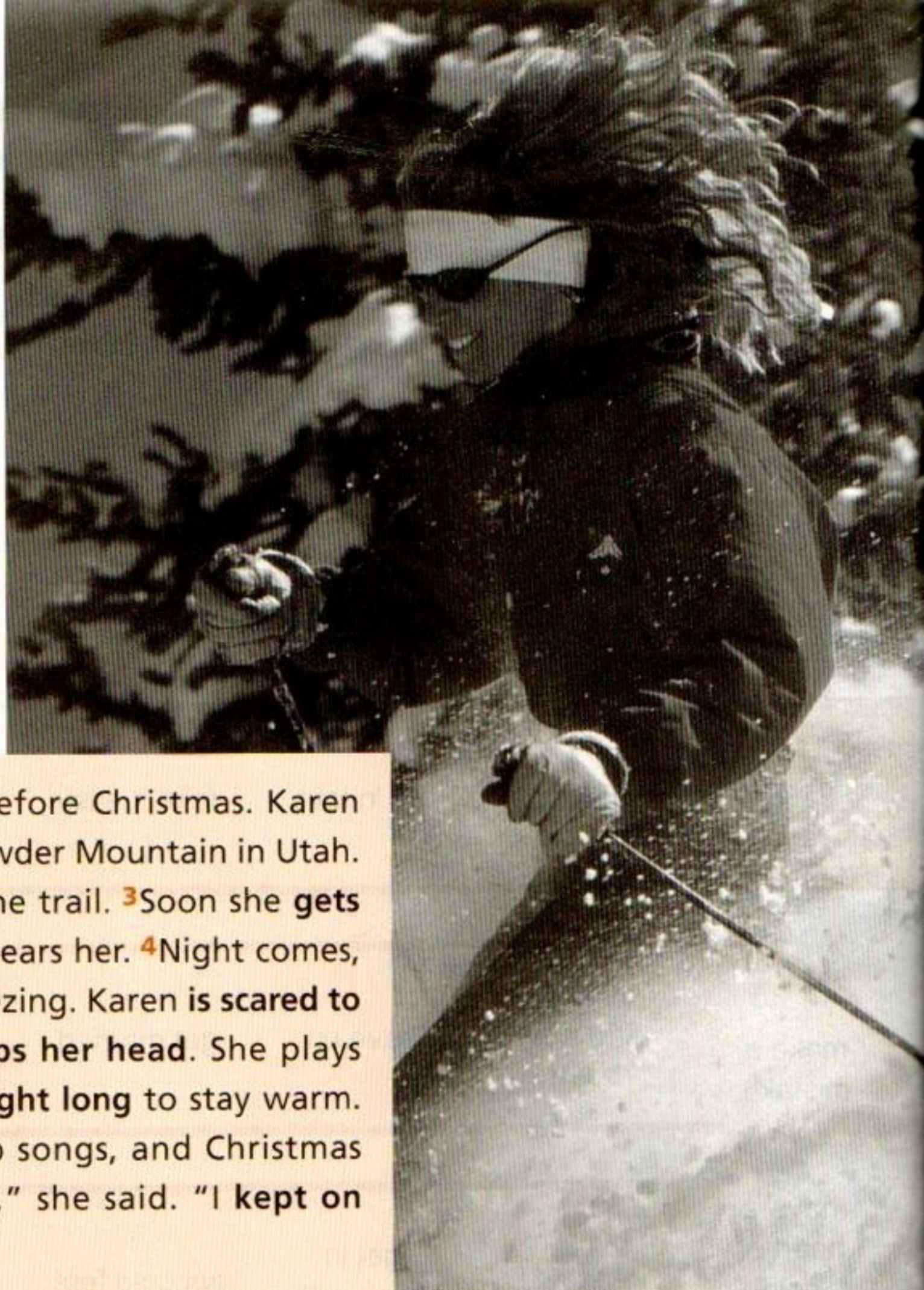


# 6 Lost Skier Dances All Night Long



## 1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 27.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

**LAYTON, UTAH, USA** <sup>1</sup>It's the day before Christmas. Karen Hartley, 33, is skiing **by herself** at Powder Mountain in Utah.

<sup>2</sup>**By mistake**, she begins to ski off the trail. <sup>3</sup>Soon she **gets lost**. She yells for help, but no one hears her. <sup>4</sup>Night comes, and the temperature falls below freezing. Karen **is scared to death** and very cold. <sup>5</sup>But she **keeps her head**. She plays music in her mind and dances **all night long** to stay warm. She dances to old disco songs, pop songs, and Christmas songs. "It was either dance or die," she said. "I **kept on dancing**. I didn't **give up**."

<sup>6</sup>The next morning, a helicopter begins to **look for** Karen. After 18 hours in the cold, she is rescued **in the nick of time**.

<sup>7</sup>Karen **is frozen stiff** but **all right**. <sup>8</sup>She spends Christmas Day in a hot tub.

## New idioms and expressions

<b>all night long</b> .....	during the entire night
<b>by oneself</b> .....	alone
<b>by mistake</b> .....	accidentally; because of a mistake
<b>get lost</b> .....	become unable to find one's way (home)
<b>be scared to death</b> .....	feel very afraid
<b>keep one's head</b> .....	stay calm in trouble or danger
<b>keep on doing something*</b> .....	continue doing something
<b>give (something) up*</b> .....	stop trying; quit something
<b>look for someone or something*</b> .....	try to find someone or something
<b>in the nick of time</b> .....	at the last possible moment; just before it's too late
<b>be frozen stiff</b> .....	be very cold
<b>all right</b> .....	fine; OK

\*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)




 **2. Listen**

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



**3. Read the Story**

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

 **4. Listen and Complete**

Close your book. Listen to the story again. When the tape or your teacher pauses, try to complete the idiom.

**5. Tell the Story**

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- Then tell the story to a partner or small group.



## 6. Answer the Questions

### About the story.....

- a. Is Karen skiing in a group?
- b. What happens to her when she skies off the trail?
- c. Karen is in a terrible situation. How does she feel?
- d. What does she keep doing all night long?
- e. What happens in the morning?

### About you.....

- f. If you got lost in the mountains in winter, would you keep your head?  
What would you do to survive?
- g. Tell about a time when you got lost. Where were you? Did someone look for you?
- h. Tell about a time when you were scared to death. Were you with other people, or were you by yourself?
- i. Tell about a dangerous or funny thing you did by mistake.
- j. Do you like to dance? Did you ever dance all night long?
- k. What kind of music do you like?

## 7. Write About Yourself

- a. When I'm by myself, I like to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. I was scared to death once when \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. I'm always looking for \_\_\_\_\_.

## 8. Write a Story

Write a story about a dangerous situation you were in. Use at least three idioms from the unit. Tell or read your story to a partner or group.

## 9. Take a Dictation

Blank lined area for dictation.



## 10. Complete the Story

a. Read this true story and fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- all right
- by herself
- in the nick of time
- keeps her head
- is frozen stiff
- are looking for
- give up

### Girl Uses Candy Wrappers to Find Father

**Lake Creek, OR, USA** One day, Krystal Andrews, 17, and her father, Michael Andrews, 48, are riding in the mountains in a snowmobile. They

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ animals. They're eating a bag of hard candies and **having a good time**.\*

Suddenly, the snowmobile hits some ice and turns over. It falls on top of Michael. He's injured and can't move. Krystal can't move the snowmobile either. She's scared to death, but she (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

She puts several jackets around her father and begins to walk to their pickup truck (3) \_\_\_\_\_. As she walks, she drops candy wrappers to mark her route so that she can find her father again.

After about three miles (about five kilometers), she arrives at the truck. She drives to a store and calls 911. Rescuers come, and Krystal shows them the way to her father. They reach Michael Andrews (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ and has some broken ribs, but he's (6) \_\_\_\_\_. "I'm proud of Krystal. I knew she would not

(7) \_\_\_\_\_. I knew she would save me," he says.

\*have a good time: enjoy oneself

b. Read or tell the story to a partner.