

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

1 Read the text quickly, ignoring the gaps, and find out how teams of dogs and their handlers ended up being the symbols of Alaska.

» EXAM HELPLINE

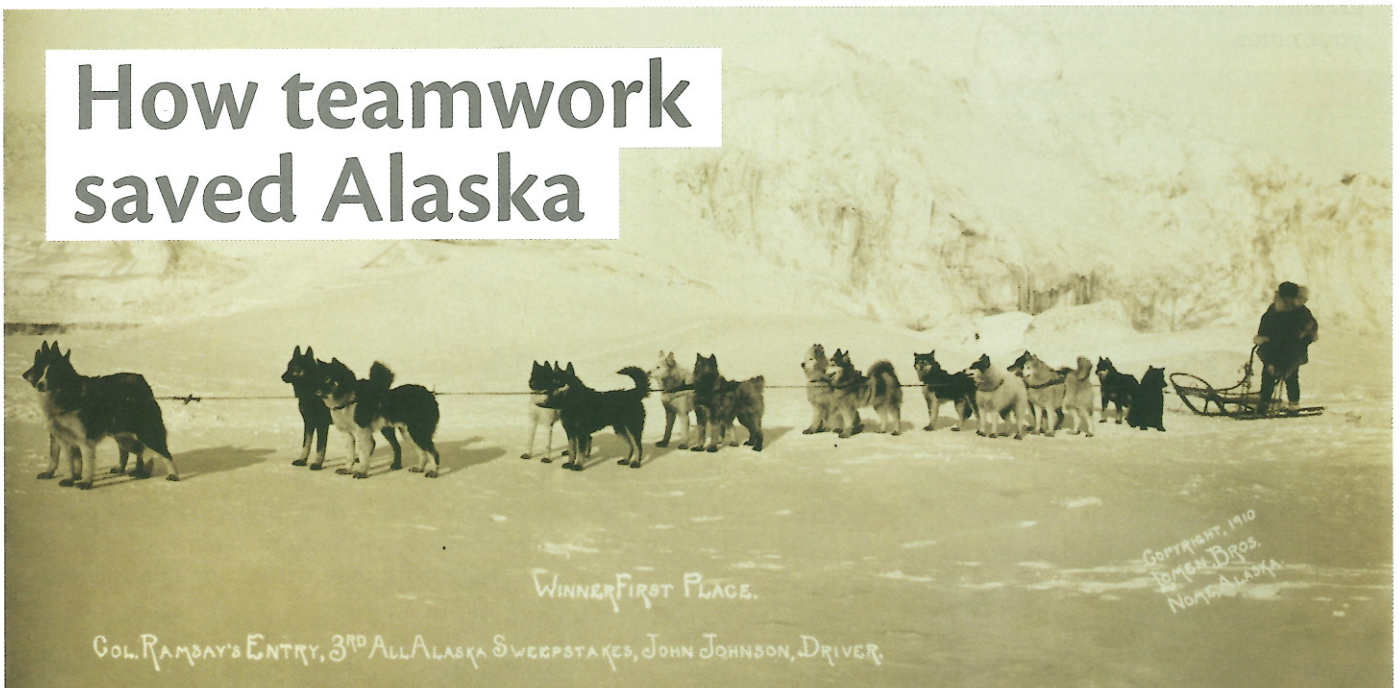
Part 1: Multiple-choice cloze

- » Read the text quickly for gist.
- » Remember that the answers are usually a mixture of letters. If all your answers are, e.g. A, you have probably made some mistakes.

2 For questions 1–12, read the text again and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

- 0 A appeared B reached C came D took
- 1 A scream B shout C cry D call
- 2 A outburst B outbreak C output D outlook
- 3 A but B just C except D simply
- 4 A expect B rely C wait D depend
- 5 A resolution B reason C response D result
- 6 A cut through B cut off C cut out D cut back
- 7 A means B course C variety D style
- 8 A directed B transmitted C sent D posted
- 9 A picked B heaped C gathered D collected
- 10 A Faced B Met C Opposed D Dealt
- 11 A travel B trip C voyage D tour
- 12 A grown B developed C become D got

How teamwork saved Alaska



Many years ago, dogsleds ⁰_____ to the rescue of Alaskans in a marathon of life and death. On a cold January day in 1925, Dr Curtis Welch sent out a ¹_____ for help through the network of telegraph and radio stations. Medicine was urgently needed for an ²_____ of diphtheria in the remote town of Nome. A small amount of medicine was available in Anchorage, ³_____ it was not enough for the whole population, and most of Nome's citizens had to ⁴_____ for more to be sent from Seattle.

At the turn of the last century, Nome was a growing town of several thousand people which had come into existence as a ⁵_____ of the gold rush. The harbour town, which is just below the Arctic Circle, became ⁶_____ every autumn when ice formed over the Bering Sea. The only ⁷_____ of transport to the outside world in those days was by dog team.

The medicine was first ⁸_____ by rail to the end of the line, 1,100km from Nome. From there it was ⁹_____ and transported by relays of courageous dog handlers. ¹⁰_____ with winter darkness, a merciless gale and brutal temperatures of -50°C , some handlers probably wished they'd never embarked on such a mission. Nevertheless, they completed the exhausting ¹¹_____ in five and a half days. The epidemic was broken and the quarantine lifted. Since then, the dogs and their handlers have ¹²_____ the symbols of Alaska.