Man completes 28-year walk around the world

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A British man has completed an amazing 28-year walk around the world. Former soldier Karl Bushby, 57, arrived home in the city of Hull in England on Monday. He started his adventure in November 1998 in Chile, South America. His plan was to walk all the way home without using cars, boats, buses, trains, or airplanes. During his journey, he travelled about 58,000 kilometres through 29 countries. He crossed frozen seas, deserts, mountains, and jungles. He also faced many dangers. These included encountering polar bears and kidnappers, and spending time in a Russian prison. His journey was expected to take 12 years. However, problems with money, visas, and borders made his trip a lot longer.

Thousands of people welcomed Mr Bushby home. He was very happy to finally finish his journey. His mother was waiting outside his childhood home to greet him. Bushby joked: "Sorry to keep you waiting." He also told the cheering crowd that many people around the world had helped him get home. He said he could not have done it alone. Britain's Prime Minister congratulated him on his achievement. He praised Bushby's determination and belief in himself. Busby told the Guardian newspaper that he wasn't so interested in walking. He said: "It's boring as hell." That didn't stop him crossing four continents. A documentary will be made about Bushby's adventure called "Walk of Life".

Sources: brobible.com / *aljazeera.com* / *theguardian.com*

Writing

Walking is the best exercise. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

walk / soldier / adventure / home / crossing frozen seas / dangers / polar bears / trip / childhood home / cheering / crowd / alone / achievement / determination / jungles

True / False

1) The man who walked around the world was a soldier. T / F
2) The man started his walk in the late 80s. T / F
3) The man walked across over 30 countries. T / F
4) The man's original plan was for a 12-year walk. T / F
5) The man's mother was waiting at the local city hall for her son. T / F
6) The man apologized to his mother for being early. T / F
7) The man told a newspaper he didn't really like walking. T / F
8) The man crossed six of Earth's seven continents. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**completed**	a.	greeted
2.	**plan**	b.	dull
3.	**journey**	c.	difficulties
4.	**encountering**	d.	film
5.	**problems**	e.	assisted
6.	**welcomed**	f.	finished
7.	**helped**	g.	meeting
8.	**determination**	h.	idea
9.	**boring**	i.	will power
10.	**documentary**	j.	trip

Discussion – Student A

a) Have you ever walked a long distance?
b) Have you ever been on an adventure?
c) What do you think of walking around the world?
d) Would you like to walk across deserts, mountains, and jungles?
e) What would you do if you encountered a polar bear?
f) Could you spend 28 years outside your country?
g) What advice do you have for Mr Bushby?
h) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

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Phrase Match

1. A British man has completed
2. His plan was to
3. He also
4. spending time
5. problems with money, visas,
6. Thousands of people welcomed
7. He said he could not have done
8. He praised Bushby's determination and
9. That didn't stop him crossing
10. A documentary will be made about

a. faced many dangers
b. four continents
c. and borders
d. walk all the way home
e. belief in himself
f. an amazing 28-year walk
g. Bushby's adventure
h. it alone
i. in a Russian prison
j. Mr Bushby home

Discussion – Student B

a) What do you think about what you read?
b) How do you think the man felt when he got home?
c) What would you miss about your country?
d) How many countries would you like to visit?
e) Do you have a lot of determination?
f) How much belief do you have in yourself?
g) Would you like to see the documentary 'Walk of Life'?
h) What questions would you like to ask Mr Bushby?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. h	3. j	4. g	5. c
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. b	10. d

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions. (Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	What job did Karl Bushby have before he started walking?
2.	When did Mr Bushby start his adventure?
3.	How many countries did Mr Bushby walk through?
4.	What animals did Mr Bushby encounter?
5.	What made Mr Bushby's trip longer besides money and border problems?
6.	How many people waited for Mr Bushby to return home?
7.	What did Mr Bushby apologize to his mother for doing?
8.	What did Britain's leader praise besides Mr Bushby's determination?
9.	What did Mr Bushby say walking was like?
10.	What is the name of the movie that will be made about Mr Bushby?

Speaking – Achievements

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest achievements at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Starting a business
- Graduating university
- Travelling the world
- Financial independence
- Buying a house
- Finding true love
- Becoming super fit
- Mastering English

Answers – True False

1	T	2	T	3	F	4	T	5	F	6	F	7	T	8	F

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.

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