

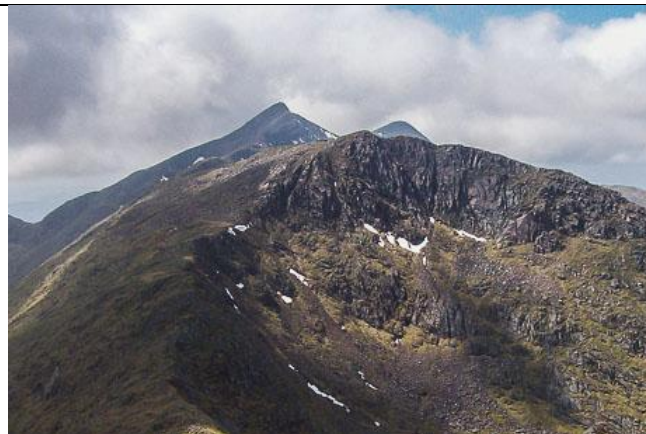
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Sebastian, his parents and his two younger sisters, Francesca, 10 and Natasha, 6, were walking up Ben Cruachan, a 1,126m peak last October when the accident happened.

As they made their descent, the weather deteriorated suddenly and the family took a wrong turn, becoming lost as darkness fell.

Suzanne, 43, slipped and fell 100m down the mountainside into a ravine, suffering serious injuries including head trauma and cuts to her face, several broken bones and a smashed knee.

Derek tried to call for help, but his phone battery was dead. It was at this point that Sebastian decided to take action. Before his father could stop him, the schoolboy from London scrambled 100m to the bottom of the ravine, where he found his mum barely conscious, surrounded by scrub and rocks.



Incredibly, her phone had survived the fall, and Sebastian calmly provided an exact position for rescuers, using the phone's GPS.

While he waited for help to arrive, Sebastian cradled his mother for over an hour as the weather worsened and a storm broke out. He held her hand, reassured her and terrified she would die, tried to keep from slipping into unconsciousness.

Even as his mum was winched into a rescue helicopter, Sebastian stayed calm and offered his assistance.

Suzanne spent a month in hospital recovering from life-threatening injuries.

When he received his Pride of Britain Award, Sebastian said: "I just did what I had to do. I guess it was brave, but it really wasn't compared to what my grandfather did when he took part in the Allied invasion of Normandy in World War II."

Retrieval:

- At which point of the family's walk did the weather **deteriorate suddenly**?
- How was Sebastian's mother taken off the mountainside?

Vocabulary:

- Find a word that has a similar meaning to mountain.
- Sebastian reassured his mother. What does this mean? When would you reassure someone?

Inference:

- In your opinion do you think Sebastian was irresponsible when he scrambled down the 100 m ravine to where his mother lay injured?

In my opinion I think that...because

reassure



To say or do something that removes doubts and fears (of someone).