Don’t forget to open your parachute!

A skydiver had an amazing escape (1) ________ he fell 6,000 ft onto a mountain without a parachute. It wasn’t part of (2) ________ plan. James Boole, 31, was filming another person skydiving (3) ________ a Russia volcano when the worse thing happened – he (4) ________ to open his parachute! (5) ________ estimated that he had been travelling at 100 miles per hour when he hit the snow-covered rocks. During his career, (6) ________ Boole has done around 3,500 parachute jumps. He was busy filming for a television programme when he suddenly realised that he (7) ________ see the snow very clearly through the camera lens. He knew that meant he had only a few seconds before he would hit the ground. He remembers his last thoughts as being “This is going to hurt (8) ________!” The skydiver (9) ________ a one-metre deep hole in the snow where he landed. (10) ________ first he was just amazed that he was still alive, then he felt (11) ________ pain he’d ever felt in his back. (12) ________ for him, he was rescued by a helicopter and taken to the nearest Russian hospital. From the fall, he had broken (13) ________ back and a rib, damaged his lungs and broken a tooth. If it hadn’t been for the snow, he (14) ________ dead! James, who is (15) ________ recovering at home, says, “I feel like the luckiest man in the world.”

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