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Chapter 8

**Across the Sahara on a Bicycle**

By -Anindya Mukherjee

## C'OBJECTIVES

In this chapter, we will:

read a first person account of a man's solo bicycle journey across the Sahara Desert.

learn to identify and use compound words and phrasal verbs.

learn about main and subordinate clauses, and coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

## READING

Whats the longest distance you have ever covered riding a bicycle? Do you think it is possible to travel across several countries on a bicycle? In February 2017, Anindya Mukherjee from Kolkata started cycling across the Sahara Desert. He made a record by covering more than 2300 km in

28 days on a solo bicycle Journey across the African wilderness. Here are excerpts from the first-person account of his journey.

first visited Africa in 2005 when I hiked up Mount Kilimanjaro. This got me so interested in the continent that I wanted to go back again. In 2011, while exploring the Nanda Devi Sanctuary in the Himalayas, I learnt that one of my Himalayan heroes, H. W. Tilman, had cycled all the way from Aampala to Cameroon, along the equator, on an old bicycle in the early 1930s! I made up my mind to do something similar.

In 2012 I went out on a bicycle from Nanyuki in Kenya to Walvis Bay Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, and Namibia in 69 days. I absolutely fell in love with Africa. I also realised that the vast expanses of West and Africa were still unknown to me. In 2017, I chose to explore the north-western side,

Now form 10 inside questions.