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Mark Avilla: “Good morning, viewers! My name is Mark Avilla, and I’m here to bring up exciting news of a runner named Skye who managed to conquer and run the entire Sahara Desert! Skye was the first ever person to achieve this feat! Here’s a video of Skye being interviewed by our news reporter, Jayden!”

Jayden: “Why did you decide to do this impressive feat?”

Skye: “I’ve been studying the Sahara Desert for years at UNSW, and I’ve been loving this topic so much that I decided to go for a run!”

Jayden: “Have you been to the Sahara Desert before, not including your run across the Sahara Desert?”

Skye: “Yes. Hundreds of times. Like 208 to be exact! The run that I made in the Sahara Desert was my 209th time in the Sahara Desert.”

Jayden: “Wow! Why did you go there 208 times?”

Skye: “To study more about it.”

Jayden: “What challenges did you face?”

Skye: “Thirst. Tiredness. Random insects and animals that tried to harm me. That’s it, I guess!”

Jayden: “Who supported you on this journey?”

Skye: “My parents Leonardo Avilla and Monique Nguyen?”

Jayden: “Did you enjoy it?”

Skye: “Yes, of course!”

Jayden: “What equipment did you bring? Like hats, bottles, et cetera.”

Skye: “Lots of water bottles and tacos (I like tacos), very short jeans, and a t-shirt. No hats, by the way. I forgot that at home.”

Jayden: “How did you start it?”

Skye: “So basically, there was one person at the edge of the Sahara Desert, and he went on a helicopter to record me running for like the entire time – all the way until the other side of the Sahara Desert. Many other people took over, I think. I’m not too sure about that, though.”

Jayden: “Did you see animals, like insects or something like that?”  
Skye: “Yes. I saw two camels, one scorpion, and hundreds of termites! I accidently insulted that scorpion. It tried to kill me! Luckily, I managed to get away. I’m pretty sure it forgot about me.”  
Jayden: “Thanks for the interview. It was nice to know all of these facts!”

Skye: “It was nice to get interviewed.”

Mark Avilla: “Thanks Jayden for interviewing Skye! Skye has gone through many challenges on the way – and after all of that, he was given the world record for the fastest time running the entire Sahara Desert, at 264 hours or eleven days!”

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