

Two Survival Situations

English Effective Communication

PROCEDURE

Divide the class into pairs. Give each student a copy of either the A or B reading sheets. The students read the short articles silently by themselves and use a dictionary or consult the teacher if they don't understand a word or phrase. After the students have read and understood the articles, the teacher takes the articles away. Then student A will communicate what was in A's article to student B, and student B will communicate what was in B's article to A. Then all of the students take a test to see how much information they were able to communicate.

Surviving Bear Attacks

What would you do if you ran into a bear while hiking in the woods in Canada? Chances are that you wouldn't have to do anything. Bears usually avoid people when they meet people in the woods. Bear attacks are very, very rare.

But what if the bear didn't run away? And instead the bear started to approach you. What would you do?

Would you run away? That would be the wrong thing to do! You should never run away because that might cause the bear to think that you are some kind of prey. And you can't run faster than a bear. Some bears can run faster

Surviving Shipwrecks

Sometimes a ship sinks at sea and we call that a 'shipwreck'. Imagine that you were on a ship and that ship sank. Suppose you had enough time to get into a small boat and bring a few things with you. What would you bring?

Some people think that food is the most important thing to bring but that's not true. A person can live without food for about one month.

Actually, chances are that you will be rescued within 72 hours of the shipwreck, so you will probably not have to worry about food at all.

than a racehorse.

Well, what should you do then? If the bear comes towards you, you should back away slowly and make soft noises. What should you do if the bear attacks you? It depends on the kind of bear.

If it's a grizzly bear you can try to climb a tree. But if the bear attacks you before you can climb a tree, you should 'play dead' and try to lie face down and protect your neck. The grizzly bear will not eat you and probably leave you alone after awhile.

If it is a female black bear with cubs then playing dead is also a good idea. However, if it is a male

The most important thing you can bring is something to make you more visible so that, rescuers can see you. Mirrors, pieces of metal, and bright color clothing are very useful for signaling rescuers.

But suppose you weren't rescued within a few days, what would be the next most important thing to consider? If it is not too cold then the answer is fresh water. Depending on how hot it is, a person can only live about a week without water. However, if it is too cold, warm clothing may be more important as people can die of hypothermia in only a few hours.



black bear, you may have to fight. Male black bears sometimes do eat people and they can climb trees!

Bear Attacks

What is this article about?

What do bears usually do when they meet people in the woods?

How often do bear attacks occur?

What should you never do if a bear approaches?

Why shouldn't you do that?

What can some bears run faster than?

Finally, if you have something to signal, warm clothes and water, then you might want to think about procuring some food.

Shipwrecks

What is the title of this article?

What is a shipwreck?

What do some people think is the most important thing to bring?

How long can a person live without food?

How long after a shipwreck are people usually rescued?

What is the most important thing to bring?

What should you do if a bear approaches you?

What should you do if a grizzly bear attacks you?

What do you need to protect?

What should you do if a female black bear attacks you?

What should you do if a male black bear attacks you?

Why should you fight a male black bear, but not a female black bear?

What are some good things for signaling rescuers?

If it is not too cold, what is the next most important thing to consider?

How long can a person live without fresh water?

If it is really cold out, then what is the next most important thing to worry about?

Finally, if you have something to signal, fresh water, and warm clothes, what might you want to think about?