

21 Survival! Second conditional

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1 Answer these questions.

- a)** If you could go to one of these three places, which would you choose?
(i) Paris (ii) the Pyramids in Egypt (iii) Patagonia
- b)** If you had to spend three weeks alone on a desert island, which of these items would you take?
(i) a knife (ii) a toothbrush (iii) rubber shoes
- c)** If you could spend the night in one of these, would you prefer
(i) a luxury hotel? (ii) a tent halfway up Everest? (iii) a hut on the beach?
- d)** If you were alone in the desert with only dried worms for food, would you
(i) eat them? (ii) try one and probably spit it out? (iii) cry?
- e)** If you were in the desert with no water, would you know how to collect some?
(i) yes (ii) no (iii) maybe



What's your score?

a) (i) 1 (ii) 2 (iii) 3 **b)** (i) 3 (ii) 1 (iii) 2 **c)** (i) 1 (ii) 3 (iii) 2

d) (i) 3 (ii) 2 (iii) 1 **e)** (i) 3 (ii) 1 (iii) 2

What does your score say about you?

11-15 You're a real adventurer. Get out there and explore the world.

6-10 You're quite adventurous, but you like to be comfortable.

1-5 Stay at home, put your feet up and watch the telly.



- 2** Work in a group. Imagine your ship is sinking near a desert island. You have a lifeboat. You only have time to fetch one item each from the ship before it sinks. What would you take? Make a list.

Step up



- 1** Which three items would you take to the Arctic? Use your dictionary to find out what the following are. Work in groups. Compare your choices.

binoculars ☐ knife ☐ toothbrush ☐ camera ☐ polar bear spray ☐
 torch ☐ space blanket ☐ fish hook and line ☐ compass ☐ candles ☐
 waterproof matches ☐ satellite phone ☐ can for boiling water (billycan) ☐

2 Be an Arctic survivor. Use the prompts to write sentences in the second conditional.

- a) be lost in the Arctic, make a shelter ... *If I were lost in the Arctic, I would make a shelter.*
- b) need to make a shelter, not build it next to a steep slope
- c) make a snow cave, line it with branches
- d) spend a night in the open, not sleep directly on the snow
- e) make a fire, not light it in a closed shelter
- f) have a fire, melt snow and drink hot water
- g) have a fire, make black smoke as a signal

3 Work in pairs. Take turns to read out the sentences in Step up 2. Can you think of a reason for each one?

Write down your best ideas and then discuss them with other pairs.

Fly ★★★

1 Which three items would you take into the jungle? Use your dictionary if necessary.

- insect repellent ☐ compass ☐ map ☐ space blanket ☐ water carrier ☐
- knife ☐ fish hook and line ☐ waterproof matches ☐ torch ☐
- hammock ☐ water purifying tablets ☐ antiseptic cream ☐ satellite phone ☐

Explain your choices, like this:

I would take a space blanket because it could be very cold at night.

2 What would you do? Use the prompts to write sentences.

- a) get lost/in the jungle, ... *If I got lost in the jungle, I would call for help on my satellite phone.*
- b) lose/satellite phone,
- c) meet/alligator,
- d) run out of/food,
- e) have to/spend the night alone,
- f) be/lots of mosquitoes,
- g) nobody/come/to rescue me,

If I had to spend the night alone in the jungle, I wouldn't get a wink of sleep.



3 Compare these sentences. Which does the speaker think is likely? Which does the speaker think is unlikely?

- a) If John were to ask me out on Saturday, I would definitely say yes.
- b) If John asks me out on Saturday, I'll definitely say yes.