

- a Read the quiz questions and answers. Complete each question with an animal or insect from the list.

bee cows dog jellyfish shark snake wasp

WOULD **YOU** KNOW WHAT TO DO?

We all love seeing animals on TV and in zoos, but some animals can be dangerous. If you met one in real life, would you know the right thing to do? Read about some common and some less common situations and decide what you would do.

IN THE **CITY**

- 1 What would you do...if a large, aggressive _____ ran towards you?
 - a I would **shout** 'down' at it several times.
 - b I would put my hands in my pockets and walk slowly backwards.
 - c I would **keep** completely **still** and look in its eyes.
- 2 What would you do...if you were driving and a _____ or _____ flew into the car?
 - a I would open all the windows and wait for it to fly out.
 - b I would try to kill it with a map or a newspaper.
 - c I would **wave** my hand to make it go out.

IN THE COUNTRY

- 3 What would you do...**if a poisonous _____ bit you on the leg, and you were more than 30 minutes from the nearest town?
- a I would put something very cold on it, like a water bottle.
 - b I would **suck** the bite to get the poison out.
 - c I would **tie** something, e.g. a scarf, on my leg above the bite.
- 4 What would you do...**if you were walking a dog on a lead and some _____ started moving towards you?
- a I would let the dog run free.
 - b I would pick the dog up in my arms.
 - c I would shout and wave my arms.

IN THE WATER

- 5 What would you do...**if you were in the sea and a _____ stung you?
- a I would **rub** the sting with a towel to clean it.
 - b I would wash the sting with fresh water.
 - c I would wash the sting with vinegar or sea water.
- 6 What would you do...**if you were in the sea quite near the shore and you saw a _____?
- a I would swim to the shore as quickly and quietly as possible.
 - b I would **float** and pretend to be dead.
 - c I would shout for help.

a Read the answers to *In the city*.

IN THE CITY

- 1 **The answer is b.** Dogs like to attack any part of you that is moving, usually hands or arms. It is also dangerous to turn your back on the dog. You shouldn't look the dog in its eyes because this will make it angry. Shouting 'down' or 'go away' at the dog will not work because dogs usually only react to their master's voice.
- 2 **The answer is a.** Wasps and bees will usually fly out of an open window, but don't wave your hands around as they follow movement and might try to sting you. And you mustn't hit the wasp or bee as this will make them very angry. Of course, as soon as you can, you should stop the car and open the doors.

a Read the answers to *In the country*.

IN THE COUNTRY

- 3 **The answer is c.** If you tie a bandage or a piece of material above the bite, this will stop the poison from getting to your heart too quickly. However, be careful not to tie it too tightly. You shouldn't put ice or anything cold on the bite, as this will make it more difficult to get the poison out later, and never try to suck out the poison. If it gets into your mouth, it could go into your blood.
- 4 **The answer is a.** If you let your dog run free, the cows will go after it, but it will escape as it can run much faster than the cows. The worst thing you can do is pick up your dog, as the cows will probably attack both of you. And don't shout or wave your arms because this will worry the cows and could cause them to attack.

- a Read the answers to *In the water*.

IN THE WATER

- 5 **The answer is c.** If a jellyfish stings you, you should clean the sting with vinegar as this stops the poison. If you don't have any vinegar, then use sea water. But don't use fresh water, for example water from a tap or mineral water, as this will make the sting hurt more. And you shouldn't rub the sting as this will make it worse too. After you have washed the sting, you should clean off any bits of tentacles that are on your skin. And take a painkiller!
- 6 **The answer is a.** If you are near the shore and the shark is not too close, you can probably swim to the shore without attracting its attention. For this reason it is important to swim smoothly and not to splash or make sudden movements. Keeping still is dangerous because if the shark swims in your direction it will see you and it will attack you. Don't shout because shouting will provoke the shark and it will attack you.