

1 b) Which of these would you need if: CHECK ...

- you had an accident?
If you had an accident, you would need a first aid kit.
- there were lots of mosquitoes?
If there were lots of mosquitoes, you would need
- it was freezing cold?
If it was freezing cold, you would need
- you wanted to light a fire?
If you wanted to light a fire, you would need
- it was boiling hot?
If it was boiling hot, you would need
- you wanted to go sailing?
If you wanted to go sailing, you would need
- you got lost?
If you got lost, you would need and



2 b) Read the text again. Four sentences are missing. Match the sentences (A-E) to the gaps (1-4). There is one extra sentence. ...

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- A The river bounced Blake around and hit his head against the ice.
- B When he reached a river, he realised it was too wide for him to swim across without getting hypothermia!
- C An oar surfaced in the water near Neil, and he grabbed it.
- D "You look awful!" Blake said to Neil when he first saw him, laughing and crying with relief.
- E He also took a penknife and made a shelter out of branches.

Reading

K first aid kit

M rucksack

- 2 a) Read the title of the text and the introduction, then read the words in the **Check these words** box. What do you expect to read? Read through to check.

Check these words

wilderness, rafting, terrifying, set off, horror, crash into, fast-flowing, crawl, suck, sweep, bounce, surface, suffer from, shore, shelter, branch, scare off, alight, signal, overhead, pilot, spot, rescue helicopter, pick someone up

Trapped in the Wilderness

Blake Stanfield was so excited about his father's birthday surprise – a rafting trip in Alaska – but it turned into a terrifying 5-day fight for survival!

On a beautiful warm day in June 2003, Blake Stanfield decided to take his father, Neil, on a trip into the Alaskan wilderness. On their first morning, they **set off** together down the Koyukuk River on their raft.

They had only travelled a few miles down the river when, to their horror, they saw a huge wall of ice in front of them! Their raft crashed into the ice and the men fell into the freezing cold water. If the water hadn't been so fast-flowing, they would have been able to **crawl** onto the ice, but instead it quickly sucked them under and swept them along. **1**

"What have I done?" Blake thought at that point. But just then, he **surfaced** and saw his father holding onto an oar.

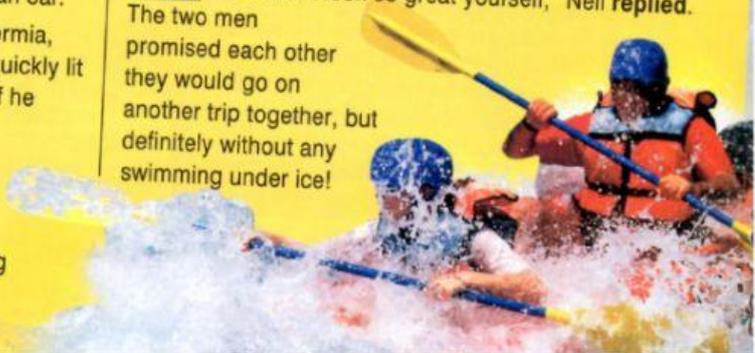
Freezing cold and with Neil suffering from hypothermia, the two men **made their way** to the shore. Blake quickly lit a fire. He knew his father would die from the cold if he didn't get warm soon. **2**

The next morning, Blake knew that he had to get help as they had lost all their supplies – their food, tent and clothes. He left his father and made his way towards a town 104 km away, singing loudly to **scare off** bears. He even caught and ate ants and spiders to give him **strength**. But there

was a problem. **3** Meanwhile, Neil was also fighting to stay alive. One time, he fell asleep and woke up just in time to keep his fire alight.

By Monday, both men were getting weaker and weaker from **lack** of food. "If only I hadn't left my father!" Blake thought. But then, he had an idea. If he built a signal fire, any planes flying **overhead** would hopefully see him. On Tuesday evening, a pilot finally spotted Blake. After a short while, a rescue helicopter **picked him up**. They quickly found Neil.

4 "You don't look so great yourself," Neil **replied**. The two men promised each other they would go on another trip together, but definitely without any swimming under ice!



- 3 Match the words in bold in the text to their synonyms:

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| set off | surfaced | made their way |
| scare off | strength | lack |
| overhead | picked him up | replied |



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| in the sky = | <input type="text"/> | frighten = | <input type="text"/> |
| walked towards = | <input type="text"/> | shortage = | <input type="text"/> |
| arose = | <input type="text"/> | collected him = | <input type="text"/> |
| answered = | <input type="text"/> | | |

8 Now, complete the sentences. Use the sentences to tell your partner a summary of the story.  

- 1 Blake and his father went rafting 
- 2 They left on 
- 3 Unfortunately their raft 
- 4 The two men fell 
- 5 Blake helped his dad out of the river and 
- 6 Neil was suffering from 
- 7 Blake left his dad alone to 
- 8 Blake lit a signal fire which helped
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