

#### EXERCISE 4

Read the information. Then read the first paragraph again. Choose the correct option to answer the question.

In an IELTS Reading four-option multiple choice task, the questions are in the same order as the information in the text, so the answer to the first question will be *before* the answer to the second question, etc.

Only **one** option is correct, so when you have found the part of the text that answers your question, you should read the text and each option **A–D** carefully – to make sure the option you choose matches exactly what the text says.

#### Dealing with survival situations in the wild

Over the last few years, there has been an increase in the number of television programmes that show experts explaining how to survive in the wild. They use their experience to create fires, build shelters, find water and decide which plants are safe to eat and which might kill you. While these programmes are no doubt highly entertaining, what is less certain is how successful they are at really educating viewers at home. Last year, over 2,300 hikers were reported lost in the wild in the USA. While most of them were eventually rescued, not all were so lucky. Some of the survivors told their rescuers that they had seen these kinds of television programmes, and had believed they had learnt some useful skills. It turned out, however, that building a fire from wet wood and finding a source of clean water was a lot harder than they had imagined.

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1. What does the writer say about television programmes on the subject of surviving in the wild?
  - A The people who make the programmes know little about survival techniques.
  - B The people who appear on the programmes are never in real danger themselves.
  - C The programmes fail to make ordinary people aware of how difficult it is to survive.

D The programmes should not discuss the stories of people who have not survived.