

A Noise From Below

I climb to the top of the giant rock, gulping for breath. I feel myself reaching for my water bottle, and stop. If I want to survive, I have to save water.

At least I still have my first-aid kit in my bag. I have some matches, too. Later, when it gets dark, I can light a fire. Maybe I can build a kind of shelter, too.

But right now, I need to try to get help. I put down the long branch I have carried for miles. Then I take off my jacket and tie it to the end like a flag. I push the branch up high so the jacket flutters in the wind.

The flag flies for what seems like hours. Then I hear it. A noise from far below. Is that a shout? It is! My flag has worked!

**A Read and choose.**

- 1 Which of these happens first?
 - a. The girl hears a noise.
 - b. The girl ties her jacket to the end of a branch like a flag.
 - c. The girl climbs to the top of a rock.
- 2 Which of these happens last?
 - a. The girl ties her jacket to the end of a branch like a flag.
 - b. The girl climbs to the top of a rock.
 - c. The girl hears a noise.
- 3 What do you think happens next?
 - a. The girl builds a shelter.
 - b. The girl is rescued.
 - c. The girl lights a fire.
- 4 In the story, *flutters* means ...
 - a. waves.
 - b. hangs.
 - c. sits.
- 5 How do you think the girl feels?
 - a. panicked and weak
 - b. weak and frightened
 - c. frightened but positive
- 6 What things does the girl have to help her survive?
 - a. first-aid kit, matches, water
 - b. flag, shelter, rocks
 - c. water, stick, shelter