

Unit 2.2: The truth about living off the grid

B. CATEGORIZE Read the statements about van Schyndel. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false). Then correct each false statement.

___ 1. She describes herself as a wilderness guide, a survivalist, and a forest dweller.

___ 2. She knows exactly when the tipping point is between work and fun.

___ 3. She mentions seeing bald eagles, bears, whales, and deer.

___ 4. She lived in the wilderness for 18 months.

___ 5. She took the necessary modern tools with her in order to survive.

___ 6. She never felt she should leave the wilderness to go home because the work was too hard.

___ 7. She now lives in a coastal community of about eight people.

___ 8. She took three and a half years to build her own log cabin.

C. IDENTIFY Read the sentences about the author of *Becoming Wild*. Circle the answer that best completes each statement.

1. Van Schyndel grew up (in a coastal community in Canada / as an American city girl / in a log cabin in Echo Bay).

2. Van Schyndel does not mention (sleeping in a tent / getting water from a creek / getting wet in the rain) as one of the hardships of living off the grid.

3. Van Schyndel did not (cure herself with plants / watch a how-to video on medicine / take deep breaths and laugh) in order to survive.
 4. Van Schyndel believes that becoming wild is about (returning to the old ways / saving our earth / merging new technologies with ancient wisdom).
 5. Van Schyndel (never returned to the city after her time in the wilderness / admits living off the grid is a huge inconvenience / left the wilderness because she couldn't master the most primitive skills).
- D. EXPLAIN** Listen to the presentation again. Choose one of the following quotations and explain the situation and van Schyndel's meaning to a partner.

1. "One is *haywire*: the state of a finished repair or construction project that has been engineered with ingenuity due to the parts or materials available, which also causes trouble later."

2. "The breath of humpback whales and white-sided dolphins send me running to my porch. Oh it sounds awesome all right, but believe me, you have to be a little bit crazy to want to live here."

3. "I now hold many jobs such as a log salvager, carpenter, mechanic, plumber, electrician, furniture maker, welder, organic farmer, commercial fisherman, YouTube channel blogger, and Internet repair woman."

F. VOCABULARY Here are some words from Listening 2. Read the sentences. Circle the answer that best matches the meaning of each bold word.

A. CREATE Create a compound by writing a word from the right column on the correct line.

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| 1. super _____ | to |
| 2. how- _____ | phones |
| 3. instant _____ | mining |
| 4. head _____ | body |
| 5. work _____ | come |
| 6. log _____ | message |
| 7. broad _____ | store |
| 8. data _____ | cabin |
| 9. over _____ | casting |
| 10. some _____ | place |

C. APPLY Complete these sentences with compounds from Activity A.

1. I watched the _____ video so I could make a fire from sticks.
2. In some large companies, workers need to _____ their fear of competition.
3. To reduce the noise in the office, will they let you wear _____ ?
4. Major _____ companies include the BBC in England, the BCC in China, and CBS in the US.
5. _____ is the method used by computer companies to gather information.
6. If you compare my _____ to yours, mine definitely has more perks.