



Circle the word or words that best describe each **boldface** word.



1. Today is a **fine** day!  
S. penalty                      R. first-rate
2. There is no **contest** for Anna: rafting is her favorite sport.  
O. race                      E. question
3. Anna expects to **converse** with Austin, the guide, before the trip.  
D. speak                      B. opposite
4. Anna hopes the guide will not **refuse** to let her help guide the raft.  
L. garbage                      S. say no
5. Nothing seems to **hamper** Anna's excitement about rafting.  
I. get in the way of              W. basket
6. As the raft floats, Anna **peers** at the cliffs along the river.  
E. gazes                      U. friends
7. Anna spots a bighorn sheep on a rocky **bluff** just ahead.  
A. pretend                      I. cliff
8. Because she rafts so often, Anna's **arms** are very strong.  
M. upper limbs                      P. weapons
9. Anna wears gloves to protect her **palms** when she paddles.  
H. tropical trees                      T. inside part of the hands
10. Anna listens for Austin's **bass** voice.  
V. deep                      Y. edible fish
11. Austin realizes his concern over Anna's strength was **invalid**.  
N. unfounded                      J. one who is sickly
12. The river could be ruined if a factory's **sewer** spilled into the water.  
F. one who sews                      T. drain that carries waste water
13. Sewage in the river would **affect** the water quality.  
S. change                      G. imitate
14. Anna spots a **pole** that has washed into the river.  
C. opposite                      I. post
15. As they raft, Austin **weighs** the notion of helping Anna become a guide.  
K. considers                      X. to measure as on scales

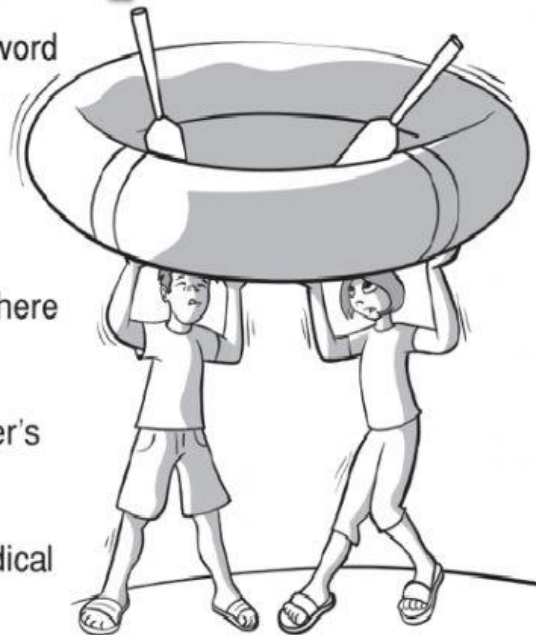


# Ready For the Rapids



Complete each sentence by writing one word from the word bank in both blanks. Cross out each word as you use it.

1. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that was posted about the rapids?
2. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ out the \_\_\_\_\_ where the rapids are their worst?
3. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ the guide to find out about the river's most dangerous \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I almost laughed when the \_\_\_\_\_ used medical tape to \_\_\_\_\_ my torn life vest.
5. If you \_\_\_\_\_ my paddle, you will be acting like a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You should be able to \_\_\_\_\_ on your life jacket in a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ getting a letter about a \_\_\_\_\_ on our old raft?
8. Do you really think this \_\_\_\_\_ will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ into the raft?
9. The security \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ the cars in the parking lot.
10. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when I noticed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the coyote on the bank.



Tell whether each boldface word is a noun or a verb.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Our guide signed the **contract** as soon as she got it.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ I can hardly wait to just **lounge** in the river.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ If you **jerk** the rope, the knot will just get tighter.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ The bread dough **rose** in our tent while we rafted.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't **dread** river rafting; it's a blast!

## WORD BANK

address	lounge
corner	notice
crowd	point
date	police
doctor	read
guard	recall
jerk	snap
	stare