THE OUTBACK SURVIVAL GUIDE

IF YOU'RE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK, FOLLOW THIS ADVICE TO STAY SAFE.

The Outback is a large, mainly desert area of Australia where very few people live. Temperatures can reach 50°C in summer!

DO ...

... take enough water with you. You can survive for many days without food, but not without water. Remember the heat makes you very thirsty, so you'll need to drink several litres of water a day.

... wear a hat and sun cream to avoid sunburn. The sun is one of the biggest dangers in Australia. It is at its hottest between 1pm and 5pm, so only hike in the mornings and evenings.

... plan your route carefully. Make sure you have a detailed, up-to-date map which shows places where you can find water. You should also have a GPS receiver to prevent getting lost.

... tell someone where you are going, what route you plan to take and when you expect to arrive.

DON'T ...

... worry too much about snakes. There are many different kinds of poisonous snake in Australia, but only two or three people a year are killed by snakebites. If you leave the snakes alone, they won't hurt you!

... rely on your mobile phone if you get lost. In many remote areas, there will be no signal, so you won't be able to use it.

... swim in deep, muddy water or where you see crocodile warning signs. Crocodiles are dangerous animals and attacks often happen in Australia!

... leave your vehicle if you break down in the middle of nowhere. If a plane is searching for you, it's much easier to spot a car than a person from the air.



Word check

survive hike up-to-date GPS poisonous remote muddy



1 Look at the picture. What dangers does it show?

2 3.26 Read and listen to check your answers.

3 Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

1 What is it more important to have with you in the Australian Outback?
   a) food **b)** water
2 When shouldn't you go walking?
   a) in the morning **b)** in the afternoon
3 What is probably more useful?
   a) a GPS receiver **b)** a mobile phone
4 Which animals are more dangerous?
   a) snakes **b)** crocodiles
5 What should you do if your car breaks down?
   a) continue on foot **b)** wait for help

CULTURAL COMPARISON

4 Think of a remote area of your country. What advice would you give to visitors? Think about ...

1 clothes.
2 equipment.
3 transport.
4 wild animals.

You should wear warm clothes.

LIVEWORKSHEETS