



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

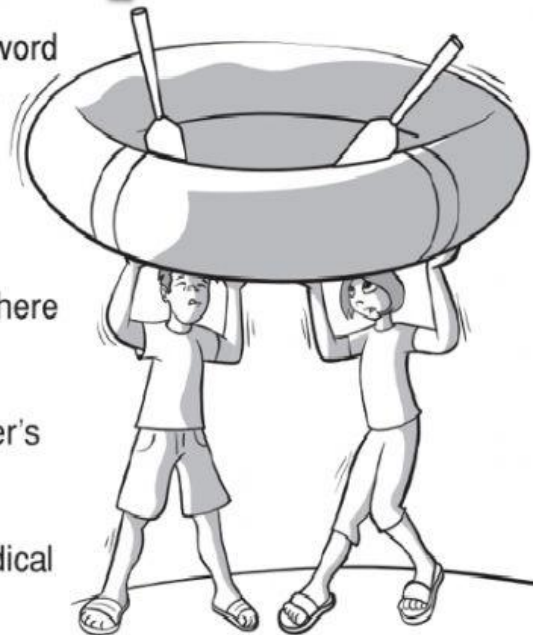


Ready For the Rapids



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