



Lost at Sea Step 1

Step 1. To be completed individually in 6 minutes. You are adrift on a private yacht in the South Pacific. As a consequence of a fire of unknown origin, equipment has been destroyed while you and the other members of the crew were trying to bring the fire under control. Your best guess is that you are about 1000 miles SSW from the nearest land.

Below is a list of 15 items which are intact and undamaged after the fire. In addition, you have a serviceable rubber life raft with oars, which is large enough to carry you, the rest of the crew and the items listed below. The total contents of all the survivor's pockets are a packet of cigarettes, several books of matches and five foreign currency notes from you last port of call.

Your task is to rank the fifteen items below in terms of their importance to your survival. Place the number "1" by the most important item, the number "2" by the second most important, and so on through to number "15" the least important.

Two points for each correct answer and 1 point for being one off.

- Sextant
- Shaving Mirror
- Five gallon can of water
- Mosquito netting
- One case of emergency rations
- Map of the Pacific Ocean
- Seat Cushion (inflatable)
- Two gallon can of oil – Petrol mixture
- Small transistor radio
- Shark repellent
- Twenty square feet of opaque plastic
- Two bottles of rum
- Fifteen feet of nylon rope
- Two boxes of chocolate bars
- Fishing net



Lost at Sea Step 2

To be completed in pairs in 10 minutes.

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Lost at Sea Step 3

As a group. You have 15 minutes on this separate sheet of paper.

You should aim to reach a consensus where each member agrees on the prediction before it becomes the group decision. This is difficult in practice but try to:

- a. Approach the task on the basis of logic not just your own judgement.
- b. Avoid conflict reducing techniques such as a majority vote or trading.
- c. Above all, stop to listen and understand each other's arguments and logic and try to be open minded.

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