

Lost At Sea

Group Worksheet Instructions

This is an exercise in group decision-making. Your group must reach consensus in reaching its decision.

Consensus is difficult to reach. Therefore, not every ranking will meet with everyone's complete approval. As a group, try to make each ranking one with which all group members can at least partially agree.

Instructions.

You are adrift on a private yacht in the South Pacific. As a consequence of a fire of unknown origin, much of the yacht and its contents have been destroyed. The yacht had all navigational equipment destroyed while you and the crew were trying to bring the fire under control. Your best estimate is that you are approximately one thousand miles south/southwest of the nearest land.

Below is a list of fifteen items that are intact and undamaged after the fire. In addition to these articles, you have a serviceable rubber life raft with oars large enough to carry yourself, the crew, and all the items listed below. The total contents of all survivors' pockets are a package of cigarettes, several books of matches, and five one-dollar bills.

Your task is to rank the 15 items below in terms of their importance to your survival, with 1 as most important and 15 as least important.

1. Avoid arguing for your own individual judgments. Approach the task on the basis of logic.
2. Avoid changing your mind if it is only to reach agreement and avoid conflict. Support only solutions with which you are able to agree at least somewhat.
3. Avoid 'conflict-reducing' techniques such as majority vote, averaging or trading-in reaching your decision.
4. View differences of opinion as a help rather than a hindrance in decision-making.
 - **Sextant** (astronomical device used primarily for measuring the positions of stars)
 - **Small transistor radio**

- **Shaving mirror**
- **Shark repellent**
- **5 gallon can of water**
- **20 sq.ft. of opaque plastic**
- **Mosquito netting**
- **1 case of rations**
- **Maps of the area**
- **Seat cushion (flotation device)**
- **2 gallon can of oil/gas mixture**
- **1 quart of 160 proof rum**
- **15 ft. of nylon rope**
- **2 boxes of chocolate bars**
- **Fishing kit**

Lost At Sea Survivor Items Ranking Sheet

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