



### Activity: Desert Island Survival

**Materials needed:** Discussion guidelines page and/or a list of items.



**Description:** In groups, students discuss which items they would bring with them to a desert island. Students are encouraged to focus on using modals. The discussion can include phrases like “We could use the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_”; “We should have a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_”; “I have to have a \_\_\_\_\_!” “If we bring the \_\_\_\_\_, we will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.” Write the possible phrases on the board so the students get an idea of what is expected.

This is the set-up for the hypothetical situation. It can be explained or prepared on a page for the students to read:

#### Jungle

*You and your group are on a ship in the middle of the ocean. It is sinking fast. Luckily, you’ve spotted a small island not too far away, and you think you will be able to swim to it. The island has some palm trees and thick, jungle-like growth on it. You can’t see any other details. You’ve found a single waterproof bag and have just a few minutes to throw some supplies into it, which one of you will then carry on your back as you swim to safety. You have to decide which items you will take with you. Of the items below, you can fit just five into the bag. (Those items that come in multiples, for example, the chocolate, should be counted as a single item.) Your group must agree on which five to take.*

scissors  
matches  
hand-crank short-wave radio (receives only)  
water-purification tablets  
book -- you can fit any one book  
          of your choice from the ship’s library  
aid manual  
pack of pencils  
notepad  
portable gaming device plus 1 game  
2 pair of hiking boots  
a canvas tent  
toilet paper  
a snakebite kit  
a fish hook and nylon string

blanket  
anti-bacterial cream  
hand-crank flashlight  
mosquito repellent  
a small ax  
photos of all your families when they  
  came to wish you “Bon voyage”  
2 pair of jeans  
sun block lotion  
a mirror  
rope  
2 chocolate bars for each person  
a sewing kit  
aspirin