

## 5A COMMUNICATIVE Would you survive?

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| <p>1</p>  <p>You're walking on a beach on your own. You walk on some sand and you begin to sink very quickly. It's quicksand! What would you do?</p>                          | <p>2</p>  <p>You're in a tall building. Suddenly, you can smell smoke and everything feels quite hot. The building's on fire! What would you do?</p> | <p>3</p>  <p>You're walking in a forest when suddenly you feel a terrible pain in your leg. You've been bitten by a snake that you think is venomous. What would you do?</p> |
| <p>4</p>  <p>You're camping in a forest and decide to go for a walk. Suddenly, you come face to face with a black bear. It looks ready to attack you! What would you do?</p> | <p>5</p>  <p>You're swimming in the sea when you see the dark fin of a shark approaching you. What would you do?</p>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### The answers

- 1 The good news is you can't sink all the way down because, like in water, your body floats. Take off anything heavy, though, like a backpack or a camera. You need to try to create space between your legs and the sand by moving them slowly but continuously, and move slowly up until you can get out.
- 2 Don't try to put the fire out! Leave the building and set off a fire alarm on your way out if you can. Touch every door before you open it. If it's hot, it means there's fire on the other side and you should find a different way. If there's too much smoke, get closer to the floor. Once you're out of the building and in a safe place, call the emergency services.
- 3 Wash the bite with soap and water as soon as you can. Keep the area where the bite is lower than your heart. Wrap a bandage tightly around your leg above the bite to help slow the venom until you can get medical help. Don't suck out the venom and don't tie the bandage too tight.
- 4 Lie still and quiet. An attack by a mother bear often ends when the person stops fighting. Don't run or climb a tree as a bear can run much faster than you, and is an expert at climbing trees. If you lie still and the bear still attacks you, try to scare it away by hitting it with anything you can find. Try to aim for the eyes or nose if possible.
- 5 Your only hope if the shark attacks you is to try to hit the shark in the eyes, which is the area most sensitive to pain.