

Island Survival

Category of Competencies: Collaborative Skills

Description:

Participants work in groups to prioritise survival items after being stranded on an island, testing their ability to debate, compromise and cooperate.

Activity Categories:

Group Work, Easy to Implement

Main Competencies Involved:

Ability to Compromise, Cooperation, Delegation, Teamwork

Other Competencies (Different Category):

Conceptual Thinking, Negotiation, Organisation

Resources Needed and Practical Considerations:

A list of 15–20 survival items (see annex), pen and paper for each group

Estimated Time:

60 minutes

Description of Activity:

Step 1: Introduce the scenario: The group is stranded on an uninhabited island with a list of survival items. They may only keep 10 items. Explain that they must work together to decide which items to keep, emphasising the importance of reaching a consensus.

Step 2: Break participants into small groups of 4–6 people. Distribute the list of survival items to each group, giving them time to discuss and finalise their choices. Encourage them to consider various survival scenarios and to justify their selections.

Step 3: Each group presents their final list and explains their reasoning to the larger group. Facilitators should observe the decision-making process, noting instances of compromise and cooperation.

Processing questions:

How did you decide on the final list?

Did everyone agree with the final decision?

How did you handle disagreements?



List of survival items

Knife	Cooking Pot
Matches	Signal Mirror
Tent	Whistle
Water Purification Tablets	Sunscreen
Rope	Book on Edible Plants
Fishing Gear	Water Bottle
First Aid Kit	Hatchet
Flashlight	Notebook and Pen
Blanket	Tarp
Map of the Island	

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