

Vocabulary | survival skills

1 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

challenge cope myself shelter survival wilderness

- 1 I can cope with most problems at work.
- 2 I think maths is really difficult - for me it's a challenge.
- 3 I pushed myself and in the end I finished the marathon.
- 4 He was lost in the desert but lived because of his survival skills.
- 5 I would love to go on holiday to the wilderness where there is no one at all.
- 6 If I was in the country in the rain I think I could build myself a shelter.

Grammar | superlative adjectives

2 Choose the correct words to complete the dialogue.

A: Hi, Steven. How are you?

B: Good. I've just been to the cinema to see the (1) latest/later Harry Potter.

A: Really? Where did you see it?

B: In the Stella Cinema. It's the (2) baddest/worst cinema I know. Well at least the (3) most old/oldest.

A: But if you go at lunchtime it's also the (4) cheapest/most cheap.

B: Yes, really cheap but it's also the (5) farthest/furthest from the centre.

A: What was the film like?

B: I think it's definitely the (6) goodest/best Harry Potter film. The action was great. It's also the (7) frighteningest/most frightening Potter and I think it will be the (8) more popular/most popular.

A: What about the acting?

B: They're not the (9) talentedest/most talented actors, but you don't notice because the film is so good.

A: Sounds good.



3 Read the text and make superlatives from the words in brackets.

SURVIVOR!

It's Big Brother, but on an island!
Who will survive this time?
Here are the four remaining contestants.

Mike is physically (1) the (strongest) contestant. He loves nature and he likes to push himself to the limit. He isn't (2) the most (intelligent) contestant.

Clare is from Ancona, Italy. She loves water and she is (3) the best (good) swimmer in the group. She is (4) the smallest (small) contestant but she has many survival skills.

Yevgeny likes challenges. He was in the Russian army for five years. He says it was (5) the (hardest) time of his life but he enjoyed it. Yevgeny is (6) the most (popular) contestant because he has a good sense of humour.

Virginia is (7) the (tallest) contestant. She played basketball for the US women's team. Now she works in a survival school. She is (8) the (fittest) person in the group.

- 4 Write sentences with the same meaning. Use the words in brackets. Write 2-5 words.

1 No runner is faster than Lewis.
Lewis is the fastest runner in the world. (the)

2 I have never eaten better food!
This is the best I've ever eaten. (ever)

3 There were not many easier exams.
This was one of the hardest exams. (of)

4 No other country in Europe has more tourists than Italy.
Italy is the most popular tourist destination in Europe. (popular)

5 I've never stayed in a house this beautiful.
This is the most beautiful house I've ever stayed in. (have)

6 The other theatres in the town are bigger than this one.
This is the smallest theatre in the town. (theatre)

7 He is 100 kg. The other boys are not so heavy.
He is the heaviest boy in the group. (is)

8 None of the other songs on the CD are as good as this one.
This is the best song on the CD. (the)

9 I have never been to a nicer hotel.
This is the nicest hotel I've ever been to. (the)

10 Her clothes are more expensive than anyone I know.

Her clothes are the most expensive of all my friends. (expensive)

Reading

- 5 Read the interview and mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).

The Most ...

This week in our series *The Most ...* we interview Will Sánchez, the star of *Wild Survival*! He's the man who goes to some of the most dangerous countryside in the world and has to survive in very difficult situations followed by a cameraman. Today he tells us about some of the extreme experiences he has survived in.

What's the most dangerous situation you've ever been in?

The most difficult situation has to be when I was filming in Colombia in the forest. I was climbing up a tree when the rope I was using to help me climb broke. I fell about ten metres before I hit a branch.

What is the most challenging countryside you have experienced?

The most challenging countryside was when I was in the Arctic Circle. Actually it's not really countryside at all. It's just snow and ice. And it's very, very cold.

What has been the most difficult thing you have had to do?

The most difficult thing I had to do was make a fire in the Arctic Circle. As I said it's very cold. But there is another problem: there isn't anything to make a fire with. In the end I did make the fire but it took a long time.

What is the most difficult situation to film in?

This is always when I am in water. It's very difficult for my cameraman, Scott to follow me in the water and to stay near me so that he can film what I am doing. And unfortunately, I'm jumping into water all the time!

- 1 Will Sánchez is a cameraman. *F*
- 2 When Will was climbing in Colombia, the tree broke. *F*
- 3 Making a fire in the Arctic Circle is difficult because there is not a lot of material to make a fire with. *T*
- 4 It's always easy for Scott to follow Will with the camera. *F*
- 5 Will is often in water in the programme. *T*

b Complete the dialogues. Write one word in each gap.

- 1 A: Can you tell me what time it (1) _____ ?
B: What, the market?
A: Yes.
B: (2) _____ 6:00.
A: 6.00. Thanks.
- 2 A: Excuse me. Can you tell me (3) _____ we can go inside the palace?
B: Yes, you can. It costs £12 a ticket.
A: OK, can we have two tickets, please?
B: Certainly. That's £24. Thank you.
(4) _____ the palace.
- 3 A: Do you know (5) _____ we can take photos of the paintings?
B: Here in the gallery?
A: Yes.
B: No, you can't. There's a (6) _____ that says 'no photography'.
A: Oh yes.
- 4 A: Excuse me, do you know where the (7) _____ tube station is?
B: Yeah, go out of the park.
A: Yes.
B: Through the gardens. And it's (8) _____ five minutes' walk.
A: Out of the park and about five minutes.
B: That's right.
A: Thanks.
- 5 A: Can you tell me (9) _____ a 'chicken phal' is?
B: It's a chicken dish. Very, very hot.
A: Oh really?
B: Very spicy. But delicious.
A: OK, I'll (10) _____ it.
B: One chicken phal. Anything to drink?
- 6 A: Excuse me, do you know when the next train (11) _____ for Heathrow?
B: Yes, you want the Heathrow Express. They leave every thirty minutes.
A: Which platform?
B: I don't know. You can ask (12) _____ there.
A: Thank you very much.

c Listen and check your answers.

Reading

5 Read the text about Ireland and answer the questions.

- 1 What is the first official language in Ireland? *Irish*
- 2 How many parts is Ireland divided into? *Two*
- 3 Why is Ireland called the Emerald Isle? *Very green*
- 4 When did Seamus Heaney win the Nobel Prize for literature? *in 1995*
- 5 Can you touch the ball with your hands when playing Gaelic football? *Yes*
- 6 What is a sliotar? *a small hard ball*

Ireland is one of many countries where English is spoken, although the first official language of Ireland is Irish. The island of Ireland is divided into two parts: The Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom. Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle because the countryside is very green. It rains a lot in Ireland!

Irish culture

Irish music is famous all over the world. Perhaps the most important Irish groups are U2 and the Cranberries. Ireland also has a strong tradition of writing. Famous Irish writers include Samuel Beckett, W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Oscar Wilde. All of these writers won the Nobel Prize for literature. Poet Seamus Heaney was the last Irishman to win the Nobel Prize for literature, in 1995.

Irish sports

The Irish love sports, including football, rugby and horse racing. There are two other traditional Irish sports which are very popular: Gaelic football and hurling. Gaelic football is played with a round ball like a football. In Gaelic football you can kick the ball but you can also catch it in your hands. In hurling the players play with sticks and a small hard ball called a sliotar. Both of these sports are very fast.

