

DESERT SURVIVOR

A Group Decision-Making Exercise on Resource Management

"You have been a passenger on a plane that has crashed in the desert. These are the items that you have retrieved from the plane before it burned up. The pilot and copilot have been killed and the only survivors are the people in your group. On a scale of 1-11, number these in the order of importance to survival."

1. Work individually for a few minutes
2. Appoint a chair person to facilitate the process
3. Decide as a group on the correct survival order

11 items:

- map of desert
- salt tablets
- parachute
- rain coats
- mirror
- compass
- book (edible plants of the desert)
- flashlight
- pistol (loaded)
- canteen of water
- hunting knife

NASA uses this group decision-making exercise with the Astronauts.