

# Test Your SURVIVAL SKILLS

You're marooned on a deserted island with two friends. Who would survive the longest? Take this quiz to find out!

**1 You've survived the shipwreck and washed up on shore.**

**Your cargo pockets contain:**

- a. just your cell phone. Hey, you can surf the Internet, play games, and take pictures ... if only you had new batteries and a signal!
- b. a Swiss Army knife, rubber bands, magnifying glass, a couple of energy bars in a Zip-loc bag, bottle of water, hat, and waterproof watch
- c. gum and a comic book

**2 The first thing you do is:**

- a. take a nap – getting shipwrecked is exhausting!
- b. gather sticks and try to start a fire.
- c. play a game on your cell phone, then start to build a shelter

**3 Dinner is served! A handful of juicy bugs is rationed out. You:**

- a. try one, then go look for other food
- b. excuse yourself and go to bed
- c. gobble 'em up – mmm, protein!

**4 Night falls. You prepare for bed by:**

- a. gathering fronds and leaves to make a natural mattress
- b. get comfortable on the sand – you've always dreamed of sleeping on the beach under the stars
- c. go to that special place in your brain and fantasize about your cushy bed and fluffy pillows

**5 You're getting eaten alive by bugs. You:**

- a. concoct a special recipe for insect-repellent ointment that you learned in Scouts
- b. hide under the mosquito net you brilliantly stashed in your pants
- c. scratch, scratch, scratch, and scratch some more

**6 You spy some fruit on the other side of a rattlesnake pit.**

**You're really hungry so you:**

- a. turn around, muttering to yourself, "Snakes, why does it always have to be snakes?"
- b. make a vine rope and bravely swing over the snakes, landing safely on the other side
- c. convince one of your friends to swing over the pit by telling them the snakes aren't poisonous

**7 Even with your two friends, it's starting to get lonely on the island. For companionship and entertainment, you:**

- a. make up silly stories to tell your friends
- b. keep a mouse as a pet
- c. take long walks with your "imaginary" buddy

**8 You and your friends try to start a fire. You:**

- a. start rubbing two sticks together furiously like you learned in Scouts
- b. do a fire dance, jumping around in a circle yelling "Fire! Fire!"
- c. pull out your magnifying glass to show the others how it's done. Hey, you're a major "Survivor" watcher.

**9 A boat has arrived to rescue you. You:**

- a. help clean up the camp and then proceed to the boat
- b. say "no, thanks," and stay on the island to "Robinson Crusoe it"
- c. are the first one off the island, swimming through shark-infested waters to the boat

**10 You've been off the island for a year now and it's time for the family vacation. They suggest camping in the wilderness. You:**

- a. volunteer for summer school, which is in session the same time as the vacation, darn!
- b. start brushing up on survival skills and packing emergency items so you'll be prepared
- c. watch "Cast Away" and study Tom Hanks' every move as he learns how to survive on an island by himself

Now add up your points to see how your survival skills rate.

1. a=2; b=3; c=1  
 2. a=1; b=3; c=2  
 3. a=2; b=1; c=3  
 4. a=2; b=3; c=1  
 5. a=3; b=2; c=1  
 6. a=1; b=3; c=2  
 7. a=3; b=2; c=1  
 8. a=2; b=1; c=3  
 9. a=2; b=3; c=1  
 10. a=1; b=3; c=2

30-40 points – Congratulations – you're the Ultimate Survivor! Clever and courageous, "adventure" is your name and surviving is your game!

18-29 points – Good job – you're a Star Survivor-in-Training. You've got the instincts to brave it with the best of them – soon you'll be giving the All-Star Survivors a run for their money.

10-17 points – So your idea of "roughing it" is drinking soda without ice, eh? Creature comforts are your friends, you're very good friends, and that's fine. Just remember, if you decide to go on a wilderness tour, be sure to book lodging at a 4-star resort with room service and the little chocolate mint on your pillow each night.

