

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 6-9

Solo



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A Write the correct word for each definition.

attack meteor distraction ice age crush mosquito



1. To crush something is to press it so hard that it is broken or made flat.
2. A(n) meteor is a rock from outer space that burns brightly as it nears Earth.
3. To attack is to use violence to hurt or damage someone or something.
4. A(n) mosquito is a small flying insect that sucks blood.
5. A(n) ice age is a time in the past when the climate was very cold.
6. A(n) distraction is something that takes your attention away from something else.

B Write the correct word. Change the form if needed.

snob opportunity setting option provoke

1. Solo is a(n) opportunity to be alone for a whole day.
chance to do something
2. He was a(n) snob and thought he was better than the others.
person who respects and likes only people of a high social class
3. The solo challenge is just you and your own thoughts in a natural setting.
place or type of surroundings
4. You should never provoke a wild animal.
bother or anger
5. The students always had the option of not doing the challenge.
one choice of a set of choices

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

that what unless who when if

1. If you don't want to take this challenge, you don't have to
2. I don't mind being afraid when I'm on the ropes course.
3. Now I wonder what I was so afraid of.
4. Suddenly there was something huge and scary that looked like it would crush me.
5. Bears won't attack you unless you provoke them.
6. Jin Kyeong was always the one who stood up to Marsden first.

D Match the phrases to their meanings. Then fill in the blanks with the phrases in the correct form.

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| 1. Wen could not contain himself and asked, "Are there really bears?" | • | • | a. used to say that there are many different types of something |
| 2. You've been faced with challenges of one sort or another every day. | • | • | b. to not be able to control your feelings or stop yourself from doing something |
| 3. "Time for some shut-eye , folks," said Rob. | • | • | c. pleasing to (someone); of the kind that (someone) likes |
| 4. Few of the students found their solo location to their taste . | • | • | d. sleep |
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5. You look really tired. A little shut-eye will make you feel better.
 6. I know I shouldn't have said anything about Tim's silly new haircut. I just couldn't contain myself.
 7. Sofia never watches soccer. Baseball is more to her taste.
 8. Everyone in the class has a smartphone of one sort or another.

A Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 2-7)

1. Several of the students are worried about bears. (T) / F
2. Marsden and the instructors say that bears won't be a problem. (T) / F
3. Bears have trouble finding food in the summer. T / (F)
4. There are carnivorous bears in the Appalachian Mountains. T / (F)
5. Most of the students think solo will be less scary than other challenges. T / (F)
6. The instructors promise to keep the students safe. (T) / F

B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank. (pp. 6-10)

1. The point of solo is to face your fears.
relax completely / face your fears
2. The students can choose not to do the challenge.
not to do the challenge / do the challenge in pairs
3. The instructors say they will be watching out for bears.
bears / rain
4. All of the students accept the challenge.
All / Most
5. Wen's location for the challenge has a great view.
is sheltered / has a great view

C Match and complete the sentences.

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| 1. Wen | • | • | a. spends the challenge in a location like a cave. |
| 2. The students | • | • | b. is white-water canoeing. |
| 3. The instructors | • | • | c. like their locations. |
| 4. Katie | • | • | d. is especially afraid of bears. |
| 5. Few of the students | • | • | e. decide the location for each student. |
| 6. The next challenge | • | • | f. wonder if they will be safe. |
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D Complete the summary with the correct words.

setting gather camp meteor distractions attacked alone

Today's challenge is called solo. It means each student spends twenty-four hours by themselves with no 1. distractions. Before they start, the group talks about their fears, especially being 2. attacked by bears. Alex and Rob promise that no bears will hurt them. They tell the students that they can decide to stay in 3. camp if they don't want to do the challenge. However, all of them decide to accept. Alex takes each girl to the 4. setting for their challenge, and Rob does the same for the boys. When they 5. gather the next day, it is clear that most of the students disliked their locations. They talk about how hard it was to be 6. alone and how scared they were. They also discuss seeing a(n) 7. meteor. Then it's time to go to sleep, and Rob mentions that they will be busy canoeing the following day.