



Situation

Imagine this: you are on a camping trip with a small group of people and a guide. You are in the Canadian Rockies, rough terrain: steep mountains with tops at 4,000 meters (13,000 feet), ravines with rapid mountain streams and thick forests. You could break your legs or neck by falling in a ravine, or drown in a river. There are grizzly bears, and venomous snakes. This area is so deserted, that a person could trek through it for weeks without seeing a soul. That's why you have a guide. It is early autumn, so it is pretty warm in the day but chilly at night, especially at the greater heights.

You have just struck up camp and are scouting the surrounding area with your backpack. You lose your way. Imagine that you all, as a group, are that one lost person. So you need to take decisions in dangerous situations as one person. In your (waterproof) backpack you have the following: a feather-down sleeping bag, a small double-roof tent, a petroleum burner, a canteen with one liter of water, and a pocket flashlight. You do not have a knife, spade or any weapon; also no food. Nor do you have a map of the area or a compass.

Questions

1. You have lost the group in the woods. What do you do?
 - a) Call 'help' loudly, in a deep voice.
 - b) Yell as loudly as you can.
 - c) Whistle loudly and piercingly.

2. You are in an area with lots of snakes. What should you do?
 - a) Make a lot of noise with your feet while you walk.
 - b) Walk as quietly as you can.
 - c) Walk at night.

3. You are hungry. You don't know anything about plants. The best way to find out which plants are edible is:
 - a) Eat anything that you see birds eat.
 - b) Eat anything except bright red berries.
 - c) Place a small piece of the plant on your lower lip for five minutes: if it seems okay, try to eat little bits of it.