

DESERT SURVIVAL SITUATION

It is approximately 10:00 A.M. in mid August and you have just crash landed in the Sonora Desert in southwestern United States. The light twin engine plane, containing the bodies of the pilot and co-pilot, has completely burned. Only the airplane frame remains. None of the rest of you have been injured.

The pilot was unable to notify anyone of your position before the crash. However he had indicated before impact that you were 70 miles south-southwest from a mining camp which is the nearest known habitation, and that you were approximately 65 miles off the course that was filed in your VFR Flight plan.

The immediate area is quite flat and rather barren, except for an occasional barrel and saguaro cacti. The last weather report indicated that the temperature would reach 110 degrees that day, which means that the temperature at ground level will be 130 degrees. You are dressed in light weight clothing—short sleeved shirts, pants, socks, and street shoes, everyone has a handkerchief.

THE TASK

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1. The number of survivors is the same as the number in your group.
2. You are the actual people in the situation.
3. The group has agreed to stick together.
4. All items are in good condition.

INDIVIDUAL RANKING SHEET
for
Desert Survival Activity

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4. all the items are in good working condition.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
_____	Flashlight (4 battery size)
_____	Jackknife
_____	Sectional air map of the area
_____	Plastic raincoat (large size)
_____	Magnetic Compass
_____	Compress kit with gauze
_____	.45 caliber pistol (loaded)
_____	Parachute (red & white)
_____	Bottle of 1,000 salt tablets
_____	1 quart of water per person
_____	Book (Edible Animals of the Desert)
_____	A pair of sunglasses per person
_____	2 quarts of 80 proof Vodka
_____	1 top coat per person
_____	A cosmetic mirror