

Action plans

Instruction

Choose one of the following tasks, and write out at least 10 steps required for the completion of the task:

- 1 Putting up a shelf in the kitchen
- 2 Mending a puncture on a child's bicycle
- 3 Arranging a day trip to Paris

Task

How did you find this exercise? Easy ☐ OK ☐ Hard ☐ What strategies did you use?

Who will survive?

Instruction

Imagine a nuclear disaster has occurred, and the world as we know it has been destroyed. However, YOU have the power to save six people, who will survive and hopefully continue the human race. Out of the 12 people below, which six would you entrust with the future of mankind? Put a tick next to the six you would save. Carry out this task in groups, or individually.

- 1 Dr Jane Smith, 29, GP, mother of two, likes painting and gardening.
- 2 Errol, 22, unemployed, history of car theft and minor drug abuse, played basketball at school.
- 3 Jenny, 21, fashion model, long history of anorexia and life threatening heart condition.
- 4 James, 23, medical student, plays tennis, enjoys amateur dramatics, good sense of humour.
- 5 Marcus, 45, artist, unmarried, long history of heroin dependency.
- 6 Dr Len Murray, 75-year-old retired brain surgeon, plays piano.
- 7 Susie Lee, 27, Chinese but speaks good English, married with one child, physicist.
- 8 Jim Wright, 36, father, computer consultant, captain of local soccer team, smoker.
- 9 Sarah, 26, single parent, works as a caterer, enjoys organising parties.
- 10 Veronica, 53, housewife, mother of five, good cook.
- 11 David, 28, young farmer, plays soccer, is dyslexic.
- 12 Mary, 25, psychologist, lesbian, enjoys cycling and marathon running.

What are the important factors that you have considered?

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Cave rescue

Instruction

A potholing expedition has been trapped in an underground cave by a rock fall. The expedition leader has reported by field telephone that the cave is flooding at a rate which suggests that the cave will be completely flooded within 60–80 minutes, or possibly at any time sooner.

It will be 20 minutes before the rescue equipment arrives and can be set up. Even then it will only be possible to bring out one person every 10 minutes.

You are the rescue team and you therefore have 20 minutes in which to decide the order in which the expedition members will be brought to the surface.

You know the following information about the trapped people:

1 Elizabeth Cartwright

Aged 27, Elizabeth is married with two children, aged 2 and 5 years. Her marriage to a successful businessman has been difficult for some time. She is having an affair with the expedition leader, Tim O'Brien.

5 Barry Porter

Aged 59, Barry is a retired Banker, with two adult children who has recently divorced from his second wife. He is financially secure and after a career of hard work and long hours has dedicated himself to taking on new and exciting challenges. He has a history of coronary heart disease.

2 Tim O'Brien

Aged 36, Tim is divorced, with a son aged 19. He also pays maintenance to a girl in Northern Ireland for their illegitimate child. Whilst serving with the parachute regiment in Northern Ireland he received a commendation for bravery after rescuing a colleague from a fire. Tim was subsequently discharged from the army following a court martial for striking an officer.

6 Richard Carling

Aged 42, Richard is married with no children. He is a physicist researching alternative energy sources. He has almost completed the development of revolutionary source of cheap, safe energy. He knows he must work quickly- he has cancer and doctors have given him a maximum of 2 more years to live.

3 John Porter

Aged 51, John is a widower with six children aged from 5 to 18 years. He is well known in the local community for his work with disadvantaged young people. He has set up a youth club and also works in a local advice centre.

7 Jem Rowbotham

Single, aged 26, Jem has been injured by the rock fall. She is concussed and has possibly broken ribs. She is a medical student in her final year that is expected to have an outstanding career as a surgeon. Jem is heavily involved in feminist politics at her university.

4 Ben Morgan

Aged 19, Ben has a string of convictions for petty offences ranging from car theft to shoplifting. He now helps John Porter run the youth club and seems to have turned over a new leaf.

8 Rob Smart

Rob is married and aged 34. His wife was seriously injured in a crash 3 years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair. She depends on him a lot.

How did you find this exercise? Easy ☐ OK ☐ Hard ☐ What strategies did you use?