

WALT identify and annotate the features of a survival guide identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning

RIVER MONSTERS

The best way to get about in the jungle is to travel by river, but you won't be the only one in the water! Crocodiles and alligators infest the waterways of the tropical world, and they're not even the worst things.

How to wrestle a crocodile

Crocodiles and alligators were here before the dinosaurs. They are full of teeth and horribly strong, but they do have weaknesses. If you're attacked by an alligator or a (smallish) crocodile you can fight back!

- 1 Distract or blind the croc. You need to get on the croc's back, but you could end up jumping in its mouth if it's not distracted – get someone else to wave and shout at it. If you're on your own, throw your t-shirt over its eyes.



- 2 Jump on its back. Aim for its neck, just in front of its front legs. When you land on it, push its head down – it can't do much while its head is on the ground.



- 3 Lift up its back legs. Use your legs to pin the croc's back legs to its side while keeping its feet off the ground. This will stop it from rolling over on you.



- 4 Blind the croc. Slide one hand down the middle of its head until you're covering the eyes; it will pull them back into its head. Press down.



- 5 Hold its mouth closed. Slide your other hand around its bottom jaw line and clamp its mouth shut. Now bring your other hand down to hold the other side shut.



- 6 Pull its head back. Pull the head up and towards you. When the croc's head is pointing up, it is at your mercy.



Get a friend to tape the croc's mouth shut. No friend about? Oh dear...



Piranha safety

Rivers in the Amazon are infested with deadly piranhas – small fish with razor-sharp teeth. They attack in shoals of 20 or more, and can strip all the flesh off an animal in minutes, leaving just bones. Amazonian natives use their teeth to make weapons. Here's how to swim with piranhas and survive:

REMEMBER TO FLOSS BETWEEN MEALS



- 1 Swim at night – piranhas are active in the day.
- 2 Avoid low rivers and pools left behind during the dry season – piranhas only attack in shoals when they are hungry and desperate. In the wet season a river at its normal level should be safe, but in the dry season, when water and food levels are low, piranhas become more dangerous.
- 3 Chuck in some meat – throw an animal carcass into the river downstream and cross while the piranhas are busy eating it.

River crossings

If you're trekking in the jungle, sooner or later you'll have to cross a river. The best way to get across is to fix a rope line and climb across, but someone has to go over first to set it up.

FLOAT AIDS

You can quickly make a flotation aid by tying the legs of your trousers into knots at the ankles. Swing the trousers through the air then thrust them into the water.



ROPE OR NAIL SOME LOGS TOGETHER

You can whip up a quick raft by lashing a few short logs together with rope.



MAKE A RAFT

To cross a really big river it might be worth taking a day or two to build a proper raft.



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