

Island Choices

Imagine you were stranded on an island after a shipwreck. You are not sure what raw materials are available on the island, but you can only take 10 of the 20 items from the ship onto land to help you survive. Work with your partners and decide which 10 to take.

1. cans of tuna fish
2. fishing rod and tackle
3. 100 feet of lumber (boards)
4. hammer and nails
5. large tent
6. vegetable seeds
7. 5 pounds of hamburger
8. iPod
9. shortwave radio
10. comb, brush, mirror and toothbrush
11. 3 books
12. matches
13. 5 yards of heavy cloth and thread
14. warm down jacket
15. Cooking pot and skillet
16. blanket
17. case of soda
18. iPhone
19. pencil and paper
20. 25 feet of rope

Discuss your survival strategy with your partners. Below briefly explain how you are going to combine these items to survive, and why you chose not to take certain items. Be prepared to discuss your choices with the class.