

## Can you survive? – Teacher's notes

**Level:** Pre-intermediate (equivalent to CEF level A2–B1)

**Aim:** To develop speaking skills, practise infinitives of purpose and revise vocabulary, by playing a survival board game.

**Preparation:** Make a copy of Worksheet 1 for every student, and a copy of Worksheet 2 for every group of four. You will also need four counters and a dice for every group of four.

### Procedure

- 1 Say to the class, *You were travelling to Australia in a private plane when it crashed on a small island. What should you do?* Elicit some suggestions.
- 2 Say, *You have made a raft and plan to sail until you are rescued. What will you need on your raft?* Listen to some ideas. After each suggestion, ask *Why?* Encourage the use of an infinitive of purpose in the answer.
- 3 Hand out a copy of Worksheet 1 to every student.
- 4 Give them time to read the instructions, and emphasize the fact that they can only choose six things on the list.
- 5 They discuss the task in pairs, justifying their choices using the infinitive of purpose.
- 6 They tick six items.
- 7 Put students into groups of four and give each group a copy of Worksheet 2, a dice and four counters.
- 8 Check meaning of any words that students might find difficult, e.g. *sink, drop, tie, bright*.
- 9 Explain the rules of the game. - *Every player starts with 10 points.* - *Start with your counter on square 1.* - *Take turns to throw the dice, move your counter the relevant number of squares, and follow any instructions.* - *Keep score of your points on Worksheet 1, and cross out any items that you throw off the raft.* - *If you lose all your points, you go back to square 1 and start again with another 10 points.* - *The first person to be rescued is the winner.*
- 10 Students play the game. Walk round the class, giving help where necessary.
- 11 When all the groups have finished, have some class feedback. Ask about the game, e.g. *Did you choose the right items to take on your raft? Did you disagree with any of the instructions in the game? Which ones? Why? Do you think you would be a good survivor? Why/Why not?*