

Homework Tasks (Year 5):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘How To Survive’ on pg.2 and 3 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.4. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.
- **GPS:** Please read ‘Demeter’ on pg.5 of this file then answer – and mark – the ‘Text’ and ‘Punctuation’ questions on pg. 6 and 7. Answers can be found on pg.8. Please use these to help work out how to answer any questions you are unsure about. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.

***Please ensure your completed homework books are handed in at school on
Wednesday 29th April.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Summer 1 Week 2** list of words will take place next **Friday**. The list of words is available separately on the Woodpecker Class page of the school website. Please log onto Spelling Shed to support practice at home.
- **Multiplication & Division Facts:** Application of multiplication and division facts will take place throughout the week during Fluent in Five and Flashback Four. Please practise all facts up to 12 x 12.
- **Reading:** You are expected to do **at least 20 minutes** of independent reading at home, **every day**. *Please remember to log all new books read – both those at home and at school – in our class reading log as there are no home reading records in Woodpecker Class:*

How To Survive

When you are out in the wilderness and trying to survive, there are a few things you need to prioritise above all else. The average human can survive for about three weeks without food, three days without water and three minutes without air. Hopefully, there will be plenty of air around you, and so water will be one of your main concerns.

Being prepared whenever you head out on an adventure is always important. Most of the time, nothing will go wrong. However, if it does, being prepared can be the difference between surviving or not. The Boy Scouts of America recommend taking the following items on any trip into the wild:

- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit
- Extra clothing
- Waterproof clothing
- A full water bottle
- A torch
- Energy-rich food such as nuts or grains
- A way to start a fire– this could be matches or a fire starter
- A hat and sun cream if it is hot weather
- A map of the area and a compass

If you have these essentials to hand, then you are going to be in a much better position if you are stranded. One thing that all survivalists recommend is to not rely on technology such as mobile phones or GPS trackers. Many places in the wild are too far away from civilisation to get a signal.

As mentioned earlier, water is going to be one of two key things to help you survive. The other is shelter.

One of the first things you should do when you realise you are in trouble is to make a plan. Don't rush around aimlessly: you will end up in a worse situation. The first part of your plan should be to construct a shelter. The shelter should provide protection from the elements (both sun and rain) and be dry and comfortable enough for you to sleep in if necessary. One of the easiest ways to build a good shelter is to secure a piece of string or rope between two trees. Lay a tarpaulin or sheet over the top, and it should form a basic tent. If you weigh the edges down with rocks, it will stop most of the wind. One thing to remember is that smaller is much better when it comes to shelters. Yours should be just big enough for you to lie down in. This way, the heat from your body will help to keep it much warmer overnight.

Once your shelter is sorted, it's time to find water. Rainwater makes good drinking water if you can collect it and store it before it hits the ground. Don't leave it open; otherwise, it will attract insects and become spoiled. Snow is also a great source of water, but don't eat it. Because it is so cold, your body will use up far more energy absorbing it. Let it melt in your water bottle first, and then drink it. Whatever you do, any water from streams or puddles must be well-boiled before you drink it to prevent serious illness.

Finally, with water and shelter sorted, you are ready to start a fire. This will keep you warm and help to ward off any animals that might enter your campsite. Don't leave the fire unattended and make sure you damp it down before heading to bed. Fire is also much more likely to attract attention and rescue.

SUMMARY FOCUS

1. What should you do first when you realise you are in trouble?
2. Which is more important to find first, food or water?
3. Summarise how to build an easy shelter.
4. Why is a smaller shelter better?
5. How could you drink snow if you had no water?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

R

What should your shelter protect you from?

V

Find and copy a word that tells you the list of items are important to have with you.

I

Why might you light a fire?

R

How long can the average person survive without water?

E

What impact does placing the items in a list have on the reader?

Answers - Stage 5 - How To Survive:

1. Make a plan
2. Water
3. Tie a rope between two trees and lay a tarpaulin or sheet over it. Weigh the edges down with rocks.
4. It will use your own body heat to stay warmer
5. Melt it so that it is a better temperature

R: The elements (rain and sun)

V: Essentials

I: It will keep you warm and ward off animals

R: Three days

E: It makes them easier to access and see what is important

Demeter



Demeter is one of the more obscure goddesses of Greek mythology, but she played an important role in one of its most famous tales.

She was the daughter of Rhea and Cronus and sister to both Zeus and Hades. The ancient myths say that Demeter and all of her siblings, except for Zeus, were swallowed by their father while they were children. Zeus had to rescue them all! Not a great start to life!

Together with Zeus, she had a daughter named Persephone.

Persephone was famously tricked by Hades into living in the Underworld with him. Demeter was furious at this and teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back. Unfortunately, Persephone had already eaten food in the Underworld, which meant that she was bound to stay there forever.

A deal was struck and Persephone was allowed to return home for half the year. Demeter was the goddess of growth and the harvest, and her sadness forced everything to stop growing whenever her daughter returned to Hades. It was this that the Greeks believed caused winter, and that spring was the time when Persephone returned and Demeter allowed things to grow again.



FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Tick the pronouns.

The ancient myths said Demeter and her siblings (except Zeus) were swallowed by their father when they were children.

2 Which verb tense is underlined?

Tick **one**.

Persephone had eaten food in the Underworld.

- present perfect
- past perfect
- present
- past

3 Which verb tense have the underlined words been changed to?

Tick **one**.

Demeter's sadness forced everything to stop growing.

Demeter's sadness was forcing everything to stop growing.

- past
- past perfect
- past progressive
- past perfect continuous

FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Insert the missing commas.

Demeter Zeus Hades and Persephone were all gods or goddesses in Greek. mythology.

2 Insert a pair of commas to show parenthesis.

Hades god of the Underworld tricked Persephone into living with him.

3 Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Explain why.

- Demeter's daughter was called Persephone.
- Demeters' daughter was called Persephone.

CHALLENGE

4 Tick the sentence that uses the semi-colon correctly.

- Demeter was furious she teamed up; with Zeus to get her daughter back.
- Demeter was furious she teamed up with Zeus; to get her daughter back.
- Demeter was furious; she teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back.
- Demeter; was furious she teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back.



Answers - Demeter

TEXT

1. The ancient myths said Demeter and her siblings (except Zeus) were swallowed by their father when they were children.
2. 2nd option – past perfect
3. 3rd option – past progressive
4. its = Greek mythology

PUNCTUATION

1. Demeter, Zeus, Hades and Persephone were all gods or goddesses in Greek mythology.
2. Hades, god of the Underworld, tricked Persephone into living with him.
3. The first sentence is correct. Demeter is only one person/goddess so therefore the apostrophe is inserted before the letter s.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

3rd option – Demeter was furious; she teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back.