

The Situation

It is approximately 10:00 AM in mid-August, and you have just crash-landed in the Sonora Desert in southwestern United States. The light twin-engine plane, containing the bodies of the pilot and the co-pilot, has completely burned. Only the aircraft's frame remains. None of the rest of you has been injured.

The pilot was unable to notify anyone of your position before the crash. However, he had indicated to you before impact that you were 70 miles south-southwest from a mining camp which is the nearest known habitation, and that you were approximately 65 miles off the course that was filed in your VRF Flight Plan.

The immediate area is quite flat and, except for occasional barrel and saguaro cacti, appears to be rather barren. The last weather report indicated the temperature would reach 110 degrees that day, which means that the temperature at ground level will be 130 degrees. You are dressed in light-weight clothing – short sleeved shirts, pants, socks, and street shoes. Everyone has a handkerchief. Collectively, your pockets contain \$2.83 in change, \$85.00 in bills, a pack of cigarettes, and a ballpoint pen.

Your Task

Before the plane caught fire, your group was able to salvage the 15 items listed on the next page. Your task is to rank these items according to their importance to your survival, starting with "1" as the most important, to "15" as the least important.

You may assume:

1. The number of survivors is the same as the number on your team.
2. You are the actual person in the situation.
3. The team has agreed to stick together.
4. All items are in good condition.

Step one:

Each member of the team is to individually rank each item. Do not discuss the situation or problem until each member has finished the individual ranking.

Step two:

After everyone has finished the individual ranking, rank order the 15 items as a team. Once discussion begins, do not change your individual ranking.
