



“Reading Comprehension Activity”

Name: _____

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Learning Outcome: To develop reading comprehension strategies and writing production.

I. Read the text and develop the next exercises.

They can survive without water...!

Survival in tough times

There are some amazing animals in the world. Some, like camels **are able to** survive in extreme conditions, like the heat of the desert. They **can** go for days without drinking water.

And there are plenty of tough humans too. Traditional **bushmen** in the Kalahari Desert **are able to thrive** and make the desert their home. The skills passed down over the generations mean that they **can** do all sorts of things - like lighting fires without matches!

A few remarkable people have survived the toughest situations imaginable. Like Mauro Prosperi, the Italian athlete who got lost in the Sahara Desert and **couldn't** find his way out. **He managed to** keep going for 12 days by drinking urine and bat's blood.

When you're talking about surviving and dealing with tough situations, the phrases **can**, **be able to** and **manage to** are very useful. In this session you'll look at the grammar of these phrases and find out how to talk about surviving the desert!

II. Answer the next questions.

1. What is the text about?

2. How many days can a man live without water?

3. Investigate and write a short paragraph about a person or animal surviving in rough environments.

