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Champ alone in the wind

Pre-reading question

Have you ever watched a television show about living on an island?

New words

survive – The hiker got lost in the mountains and had to survive until he was found.

shellfish – Shellfish are in danger because of ocean pollution.

plan – Jane wants to do well in her Maths test, so she made a plan to study every day.

prepare – Johan and Lebo are going on a camp and prepare for any danger.

stream – The small stream has clear water.

collect – When I go to the beach, I like to collect shells.

Champ takes part in a television game show. She must spend two weeks alone on an island.



She must find all her own food and water.
She must survive.
If she survives for two weeks, she wins!
Champ knows that there are some
banana trees on the island.
There are also date and coconut palms.
The soil is very sandy, so not many
plants grow in it.
But there are also fish to catch and
shellfish to collect.
There is enough food for Champ.



Water is not so easy to find.
There is water all around her, but sea water is salty. It will make Champ sick if she drinks it.
Champ planned and prepared for this game show. She has read a lot about soil and water.
She knows how to find and collect water. She knows how to use soil to clean water.



First, she looks for streams.
She knows that the best place to get clean water is where the stream starts.
She must make sure that the stream is clean.
There must be no waste in the water.



Champ looks for green plants growing in the soil.

This shows her that the plants are getting water.

So, she knows that she may find water in the soil beneath the plants.



She digs in the sand and clay until she reaches water.

She cannot drink this water. She will use it for washing.

She covers the hole so that no waste can fall in and make the water dirty.



Early every morning Champ ties T-shirts around her ankles and walks through the wet grass. The T-shirts collect the morning dew. She squeezes the water from the T-shirts into the buckets. She ties plastic bags around branches to collect drops of water from the leaves.



Champ even finds some plants that collect water for her!
All the water must be cleaned and boiled.
Champ makes a soil filter to clean the water.



One night it rains.
Champ is ready.
She has every cup, pot, coconut shell
and bottle out in the open to collect
the rain.
She has a roof made of big leaves that
make the rain run into a bucket.



When the boat comes to fetch Champ she is fit and healthy.
She has drunk clean water every day.
She has had enough food to eat.
Champ has survived so well that she wins the game show!



Champ uses her prize money wisely. She sets up a business that will make her more money! She starts teaching other young people what she has learnt about surviving.

They pay a small fee for their classes. This helps Champ to keep growing her money. She loves her work!



Post-reading questions

1. How did Champ collect water on the island?
2. Explain how she made water safe to drink.
3. How did she spend her prize money?
4. Do you think Champ is a good role model?