

BEFORE-READING-ACTIVITY: SOS ROCKY HILL

In groups of four, develop the following four scenes, adding dialogue and action. The basic situation is that there are four teenagers who plan a secret adventure: a one-day raft trip down a river. There is also a gang who see what they are planning and decide to sabotage their raft .

Each member of the group plays the part of one of the characters, giving that person a name and certain characteristics (funny, aggressive, quiet, etc.)

Scene One

-the group of teenagers plan the trip, including a 'story' for their parents about where they will be and what they'll be doing that day

Scene Two

-the gang see what the raft-builders are planning and decide to spoil their fun
They come at night and sabotage the raft.

Scene Three

-the teenagers are riding down the river, having fun when the raft suddenly falls apart. They fall into the river and must struggle to reach shore.

Scene Four

-Wet and cold, their cell phones lost, the four teenagers find themselves deep in the woods. They make a fire to dry themselves and talk about the long difficult walk back home.

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In pairs, student A is the reporter (R) for the first four questions, student B is Jed (J). The reporter notes down “Jed’s” answers. For questions 4 – 8, the roles are changed. Be ready to present your answers to the class.

1-R: What gave you the idea to build the raft?

J:

2-R: What do you feel about the fact that you didn’t tell your mother about the trip – and you persuaded the others not to tell their parents?

J:

3-R: Can you describe what you thought when Slo-Mo and his gang suddenly appeared?

J:

4-R: What did you feel when Joline said you had saved her and Chester?

J:

5-R: How did you feel when Joline told you that you, not Chester, was the one she liked?

J:

6-R: Your mother grounded you for two weeks. What are your feelings about that? Has your relationship to her changed because of that?

J:

7-R: When you think back on all that happened during the trip, what was the worst moment for you? What was/were the highlight(s)?

J:

8-R: If you had to make the trip again, what would you do that is different?

J: