

A Survival Story Diary

For our second oral exam, you are going to write a survival story based on *Island of the Blue Dolphins* and the survival game we played in class. The story will be realistic fiction written in the form of a diary. This worksheet will help you plan your story.

Introduction

- 1. You can use the introduction below or create your own. Make sure you tell how you ended up on the island!**

Ex: I was on a cruise ship when a storm suddenly hit and the boat sank! Unfortunately, I was the only survivor of this tragedy. I spent a terrifying night at sea until I washed up on an island the next morning.

- 2. Who are you? What is your name? Do you have a special skill (hunting, running, fishing, etc.)?**

- 3. You have one item in your pocket. What is it? How can it help you? (make sure it can fit in your pocket!)**

DAY 1

- 1. What do you need to do first? What is your plan to make sure you have everything you need to survive? (food, water, shelter, dangers, etc.)**

2. You find some items washed up on shore. Choose six items from the following list to help you:

Knife	Bag
Flint	Rope (10 meters)
Mirror	A bottle of drinking water (1L)
Metal pot	A waterproof tarp
Antibiotics	1 sleeping bag
Nylon fishing net	5 cans of tuna

DAY 2

1. You get an injury! (fall down, snake bite, break a bone, etc.) Tell what happened and what you were doing when it happened. How will you survive?

2. That night a storm hits and destroys your shelter. Tell how and where you will build a better shelter to make sure the same thing doesn't happen again.

(If your first shelter was in a cave, the storm causes flooding so you can't stay there anymore)

DAY 3

1. You realize that you need to make a rescue signal or you will be stuck on the island for the rest of your life! Tell how you make a rescue signal to attract the attention of a passing boat or plane (What materials do you use?)

DAY 4

Write an ending to your story. Do you get rescued? If so, how? Are you stuck on the island? Do you die? Make sure your ending is realistic!
