

Essential Vocabulary

SURVIVAL WORDS

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INTRODUCTION

Look around you. Everywhere you look you see a sign or a symbol indicating something. Do you know what it means, though? Special signs, symbols, and directions are encountered in every area of our lives. They provide us with information and tell us what we can and cannot do. Knowing what they mean is essential. Knowing them is even more essential for students who are trying to expand their knowledge outside the classroom into the “real world.”

Survival Words presents 160 words and symbols that students may encounter in the “real world.” Glossary pages feature 160 words about safety, mobility, restriction, and information. Separate from activity pages, they provide a handy reference list of terms to use with the book’s skill sheets or other assignments on signs and symbols. Activity pages offer repeated use of the words in different contexts. In some cases, students will be required to simply define or identify the words and/or symbols. In other cases, they will be required to apply their knowledge of what the words and/or symbols mean to a “real-life” situation. Review pages test students’ retention of the words along the way. A pre/post-test in the form of a make-your-own-sign tests students’ knowledge of survival signs and symbols before and after completing the lessons. As students work their way through the book and its exercises, they will gain knowledge that will allow them to become more confident and independent in the “real world.”

Survival Words is written at a grade 3-4 reading level. It is designed for use in grades 4-12.

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GLOSSARY OF SAFETY WORDS



ambulance

A vehicle used to take people who are badly hurt or very sick to a hospital.



beware of dog

There is a dog here that may hurt you.



biohazard

There is something here that is harmful to people or the environment.



buckle up

Buckle your seat belt.



caution

Be careful or watchful.



caution—automatic door

This door opens and closes on its own.



danger

Stay away. It is not safe.



do not handle

Do not pick this up. Do not play with this.



ear protection required

There are very loud sounds here. Wear something to protect your ears.



emergency exit

This is a way to get out of a building or a vehicle in an emergency.



emergency eye wash

This is where you can wash your eyes if something harmful gets in them.



emergency shower

This is where you can wash off if something harmful gets on your skin.



evacuation plan

This shows you where to go in case of a fire or an emergency.



fire alarm

Something used to warn of a fire.



fire department

A place where firefighters work and fire engines are kept.

GLOSSARY OF SAFETY WORDS



fire escape

An outside airway used to get out of a burning building.



fire extinguisher

A tool used to put out small fires.



first aid

A place where someone who is hurt or sick can get help.



first aid kit

There is a box with things to help people who are sick or hurt here.



flammable

These items can easily start on fire.



flood area

This area floods easily when it rains hard. Do not enter it when flooded.



fragile

This item breaks easily.



handle with care

This item needs to be handled carefully.



hard hat area

You may only be in this area if you are wearing a hard, protective hat.



high voltage

There is a lot of electrical power here. Do not touch wires or electrical parts.



hospital

This is where you go if you are very sick or badly injured. It has doctors and nurses who will take care of you.



hot

This item is very hot.



in case of fire, use stairs

You should use the stairs instead of the elevator to get out of this building if it is on fire.



men working

There are people working here.

GLOSSARY OF SAFETY WORDS



neighborhood crime watch

This neighborhood watches for people doing bad things.



open door slowly

Open this door slowly, and watch for other people.



please use handrail

Hold onto the rail as you use the stairs.



poison

This may make you very sick or kill you if you eat or drink it.



police

These people will help you if you are in trouble.



safe place

This is a place where young people can go if they are in trouble or need help.



severe weather shelter

This is a place you can go during extreme weather.



slippery road

The road conditions may cause your car to slide or cause you to lose control of your car.



warning

Be careful. Danger might be here.



watch your step

There is a step up or a step down.



wet floor

The floor is wet and might be slippery.

Name _____

SAFETY WORDS

Match each safety word to its correct sign.

1. fragile •



2. emergency exit •



3. hot •



4. evacuation plan •



5. emergency shower •



6. caution •



7. please use handrail •



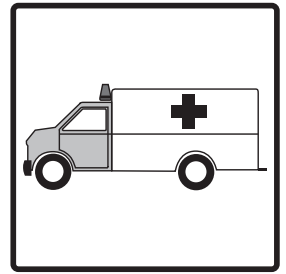
8. fire extinguisher •



Name _____

SAFETY WORDS

ambulance	emergency eye wash
handle with care	poison
caution—automatic door	first aid kit
in case of fire, use stairs	slippery road



Read each sentence. Then fill in the blank with the correct safety word.

1. Shayna pulled out the box marked with a _____ sign when one of the campers cut his leg.
2. When Gary saw the _____ sign, he knew to watch out for vehicles taking people to the hospital.
3. The bottle of bug spray had a label on it that read “_____.”
4. Jackie went to the fountain marked with an _____ sign after accidentally getting chemicals in her eyes.
5. It had been raining, so Mrs. Nelson slowed her car down when she saw the _____ sign.
6. Fred went to pull the door open, but stopped when he saw the _____ sign.
7. When Rachel saw that the box was marked “_____,” she treated it carefully.
8. After seeing the sign reading “_____,” Alex knew not to use the elevator if there was a fire in the office building.

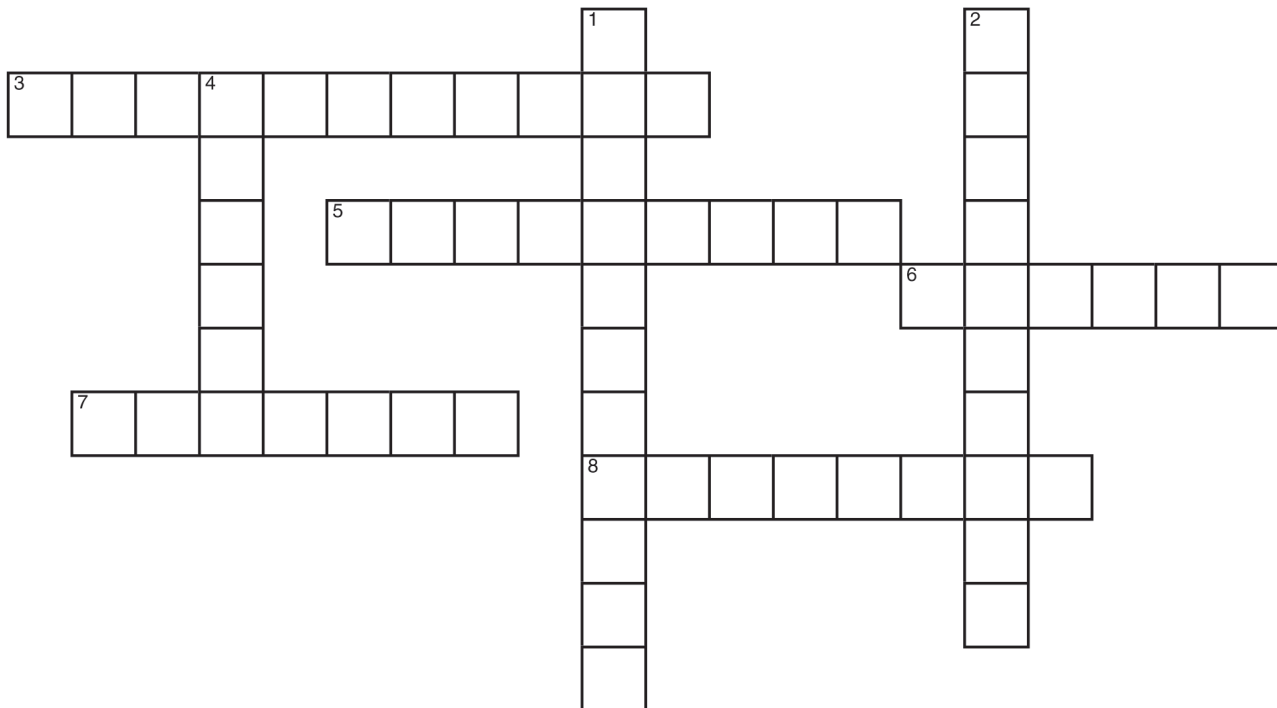
Name _____

SAFETY WORDS

beware of dog	fire alarm
hard hat area	police
danger	first aid
men working	warning



Read each clue. Fill in the puzzle with the safety word being described.



Across

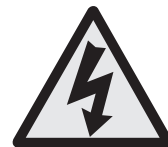
3. You may only be in this area if you are wearing a hard, protective hat.
5. Something used to warn of a fire.
6. These people will help you if you are in trouble.
7. Be careful. Danger might be here.
8. A place where someone who is hurt or sick can get help.

Down

1. There is a dog here that may hurt you.
2. There are people working here.
4. Stay away. It is not safe.

Use the meanings of the safety words to answer the following questions.

1. You see this sign on a fence. Why shouldn't you climb over the fence?



2. You see this sign on a can of gasoline. What should you not bring near the can? _____



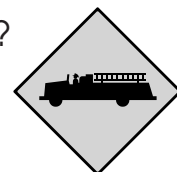
3. The neighborhood president has signs like this put up. What do they mean? _____



4. This sign is on the door of the testing company's warehouse. What kind of material is in there? _____



5. Kim saw this sign on the outside of a building. Who works inside it?



6. This sign is on the floor. What does it mean? _____



7. This stamp is on the outside of the box. What should you do?



8. What kind of place is inside a building with this sign on it?



Use the meanings of the safety words to answer the following questions.

1. What kinds of weather might a building with a **severe weather shelter** sign on it protect people from?

2. The museum had a sign reading “**wet floor**” up. What was the sign telling people?

3. Robert broke his arm at his out-of-town soccer tournament. His dad followed signs to a place with doctors who set Robert’s arm. What did the signs say?

4. The factory’s tour guide handed the students ear plugs and pointed to the **ear protection required** sign. Why did the students have to wear ear plugs?

5. If you are to use an outside airway to exit a building that is on fire, what sign should be posted?

6. When Mr. Thomas saw this sign at the exit of the garage, he made sure that all the kids had their seat belts on. What did the sign say?

7. The sign on the door reads “**open door slowly**.” Why should the door be opened slowly?

8. Wendy noticed the **flood area** sign as she drove through the long dip. What did the sign mean?

Name _____

SAFETY WORDS

caution	slippery road
poison	emergency exit
do not handle	emergency shower

Match each safety word to its sign.

1. _____



4. _____



2. _____



5. _____



3. _____



6. _____



Write the meaning of each safety word below.

7. buckle up _____

8. evacuation plan _____

9. fragile _____

10. in case of fire, use stairs _____
