

What to do with ... a snake bite

Match the pictures with the right captions.



Get emergency help at once

The victim must relax - make sure the bite is lower down than the heart and DON'T MOVE IT

Wash poison away with soap and water

Put a bandage on ABOVE the bite, to prevent poison spreading

Keep bite COLD (Ice? A cool stream?)

Check victim for shock, check breathing is OK

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Activity Matching pictures and captions and writing a text

Aim To match captions with pictures and to write a text.

Interaction Pairs

Language focus Language of advice (*should*); obligation (*have to/must*); and linking words (*next/then/after that etc.*)

Skills focus Reading, speaking, listening, writing

Preparation Photocopy the pictures and the captions for each student in the class, and cut them up along the dotted lines.

Time 20 minutes

- Procedure**
- 1 Tell the students to imagine that a group of them are walking through the jungle and a snake bites someone's hand. What are they going to do?
 - 2 Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a set of pictures and a set of captions (jumbled up).
 - 3 Explain that the task is to put the pictures in what they think is the best order, and to match the captions to the pictures. Tell them that the captions come from a survival guide.
 - 4 Get feedback on what they think the best order is, and compare this to the *Instructions* below.
 - 5 The students should now write up the information. Encourage them to use linking words like *first*, *next* and *after that*.

Variation Ask the students to work in pairs or groups to write another set of notes about how to do something.

Key **Instructions (adapted from SAS Survival Guide)**

- 1 Get emergency help at once.
- 2 Help the victim to relax, and make sure that the wound is BELOW the heart and that it does not move.
- 3 Wash poison away with soap and water.
- 4 Put a bandage on, about 10–20 centimetres above the wound, so that the poison does not travel.
- 5 Keep the bite cold.
- 6 Check the victim for shock and check that breathing is OK.