

Autobahn Survival Quiz

It's late November, and you and a couple of your co-workers have decided to go for a drive on the Autobahn. Unfortunately, you lose control going 131 MPH on an "unlimited" speed section of highway and your BMW slips down an embankment and careens out of control. There's a sudden crash, and then the lights go out...



When you wake up, the BMW is on its side at the bottom of a 50 foot deep ravine. You are at least 10 miles from the nearest well-traveled road with no houses nearby. One of your co-workers is in the passenger seat moaning, barely conscious. His left leg is broken, his arm seems dislocated, and he looks like he may go into shock soon. Your other co-worker is standing outside, clutching her bloody arm, but appears all right. You take a deep breath and notice a shooting pain in your ribs, but you figure you'll live.

The BMW is stalled and there's an icy rain beginning to fall. It's now 2:00PM. You have 3-4 hours of daylight left and the temperature is dropping below freezing. A quick push of the horn shows that the battery is almost dead. You take a look in the glove compartment and behind the seats to see what you've got that could possibly be of help.

Below is a list of items you find. Other than your winter clothing, this is all you have. Order them by priority, with (1) as the most important, (2) as the next most important until all items have been numbered 1-10.

<u>Your rank</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Red Cross</u> (See Answer Key)	<u>Difference</u>
[]	City map of Munich _____		+/- _____
[]	Two packs of cigarettes _____		+/- _____
[]	Zippo lighter _____		+/- _____
[]	Flashlight & batteries _____		+/- _____
[]	Two Snickers bars _____		+/- _____
[]	20-gauge shotgun with shells _____		+/- _____
[]	Bottle of Patrón tequila _____		+/- _____
[]	Roll of duct tape _____		+/- _____
[]	Two wool blankets _____		+/- _____
[]	Cell phone, working but no signal _____		+/- _____
TOTAL POINTS DIFFERENCE			_____

Adapted from Steve Parese's *Team Building Activities*

Autobahn Survival Quiz Answer Key

According to the American Red Cross, wilderness emergencies should be prioritized according to the following criteria:

- (1) Stabilize life threatening conditions
- (2) Contact help and/or wait for rescue
- (3) Provide warmth and shelter
- (4) Provide water
- (5) Provide food



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Given the serious injury to one of your co-workers, the late hour, and the impending bad weather, the greatest priority is to care for your badly wounded co-worker while one of you follows the road to get help. If rescue comes after nightfall, his chances of survival are slim. Based on this, experts rank the 10 items as follows:

1. Two Wool blankets: Use to prevent shock and hypothermia, to roll broken leg into splint.
2. Roll of duct tape: Use to stabilize broken leg.
3. Cellular phone, working but no signal: Walk down road until get signal, call for rescue once in range.
4. Zippo lighter: Use to start fire.
5. Map: Use to help start fire.
6. Snickers bars: Use for quick energy.
7. Flashlight and batteries - Use to attract attention if night rescue is necessary.
8. Shotgun and shells: Use three shots as an emergency signal to attract hunters in the area.
9. Cigarettes: Limited use as a calmativie for smokers, but acts as a system depressant and may slow body functions.
10. Fifth of tequila: 80 proof tequila will sputter if lit, but not enough to help with fire. Mildly effective against infection, but only if no rescue within 24 hours. Dangerous to consume, as a vasodilator, it may contribute to hypothermia

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Answer Key:**

5

9

4

7

6

8

10

2

1

3

Scoring: Total the differences between the scores and compare to the chart below:

0-8 Bear Grylls

You are a survivalist with keen, animal-like instincts!

9-15 Smokey the Bear

You really know your way around the forest!

16-21 Winnie the Pooh

You need serious help from Tigger and Christopher Robin!

22+ Tom Turkey

Give it up... you're cooked!

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