

## Appendix C

### Writing prompts

#### A difficult decision

You are Sally King, a 14-year-old pupil from Hatfield. You are walking in the Scottish Highlands with six other pupils, three boys and three girls, and your teacher, Mr Hill. You are carrying your own food and tents. You want to be in the mountains for one week. On Sunday you must be in a small village where you will take the bus back home to Hatfield.

Today is Thursday. It has been raining since Tuesday. Everybody is wet and cold. At lunchtime Dave, Liz and Kate start feeling sick. Maybe the water they took from the river was bad. In the afternoon they feel worse and can only walk very slowly. While walking down a hill the youngest girl, Sandra, falls. She cannot get up. Her leg is broken. You set up camp and discuss with your group what to do.

You are in a valley between two mountains. The nearest road is about 15 km away, but there is no path across the mountains and the moor behind them. There is no bridge across the river. About 2 km back the way you came, an easy path turns off which takes you to a lake and a fisherman's hut in about 20 km. However, you do not know if anybody lives at that hut and if it has a phone. The next village is about 40 km away. About 5 km back the way you came is a small forest where you could find wood to make a fire. You have enough food till Sunday and there are rivers nearby. You have got camping gas cookers. There is enough gas for three hot drinks and two warm meals a day, but no wood to make a fire and get warm. Only you, your teacher, Dave and Tim, who is feeling all right, can read a map and use a compass. Kevin cannot read a map or use a compass, but he is OK. Sandra's leg aches a lot. She needs a doctor soon.

(From Klippel, 1984)

## **Lets work with the text!**

### **Reading comprehension**

1. How many people are there in the camp?
2. Who is ill or unable to walk?
3. When do you have to be in the small village?
4. What happened to Sandra?
5. Where is the camp?
6. How far away is the village?
7. How far away is the fisherman's hut?
8. What is between the camp and the road?
9. What can you get in the forest?
10. Have you got enough to eat and drink?

### **Describe the map**

What landmarks can you see?

Describe where they are.

### **Comment**

What could you do to solve this situation?

Write down all the possibilities you can think of, and then choose the best one.

Tell me why you have chosen this one.

### **Write a letter**

Write a letter to your friend Andrew. He was in London with some other pupils and a teacher from your school.

Ask him about their trip and tell him what happened to you in Scotland.

### **Personal opinion**

Have you ever been on a hike like this?

Would you like to take such a trip? Why or why not?

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