

## 5A COMMUNICATIVE Would you survive?

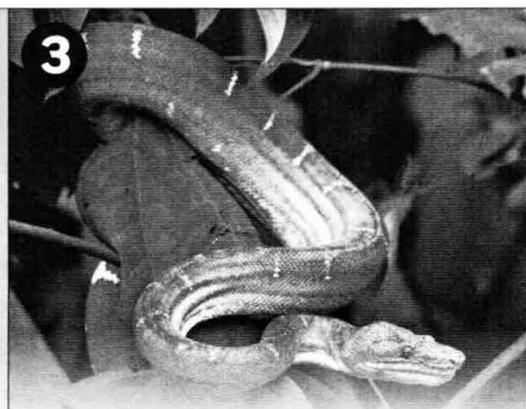
### Would you survive?



**1** You're driving your car along a road by a river. Suddenly your brakes fail on a bend and you can't stop your car going into the water. What would you do?



**2** You're skiing on your own 'off piste' when you suddenly hear a very loud noise behind you. It's an avalanche! What would you do?



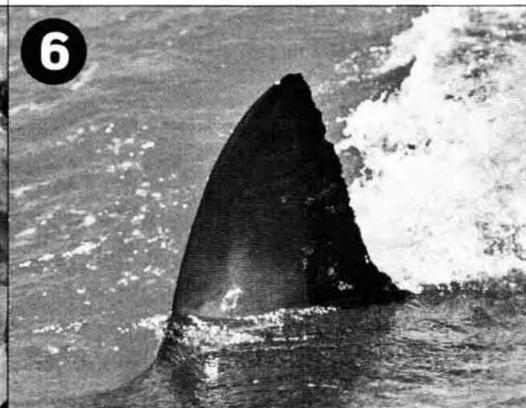
**3** You're walking in a forest near where you live when suddenly you feel a terrible pain in your leg. You've been bitten by a snake that you think is poisonous. What would you do?



**4** You're camping in a forest, and decide to go for a walk. Suddenly, you come face to face with a black bear. It looks ready to attack you! What would you do?



**5** You're in a city street and suddenly shooting starts between two rival gangs. What would you do?



**6** You're swimming in the sea when you see the dark fin of a shark approaching you. What would you do?

### The answers

- As soon as you hit the water, open the window. This allows water to come in and equalize the pressure so that you can open the door. If you can't open the window or break it, wait until the water reaches your head and hold your breath. When the pressure is equal inside and outside the car you'll be able to open the door.
- Your only hope is to try to stay on top of the snow by using a swimming action. Avalanches tend to occur in areas with new snow on sunny afternoons.
- Wash the bite with soap and water as soon as you can. Keep the area where the bite is lower than your heart. Wrap a bandage tightly around your leg above the bite to help slow the poison until you can get medical help. Don't suck out the poison and don't tie the bandage too tight.
- Lie still and quiet. An attack by a mother bear often ends when the person stops fighting. Don't run or climb a tree as a bear can run much faster than you, and is an expert at climbing trees. If you lie still and the bear still attacks you, try to scare it away by hitting it with anything you can find. Try to aim for the eyes or nose if possible.
- Get down on the ground and stay there. Lie flat on your stomach. If there are cars, lie down behind one of the wheels. If there are no cars, lie in the road right next to the pavement. Don't run away because that will only draw attention to you and you could be shot by mistake.
- Your only hope if the shark attacks you is to try to hit the shark in the eyes, which are the area most sensitive to pain.