

Backpacker's and Camper's Rain Quiz

Can you handle a rainy outing? Take our fun quiz to see how you'd fare under a sky of liquid sunshine.

1) Your dog ripped a quarter-sized hole in your tent and here comes the storm of the summer. What's the best way to fix this doggone situation?

- a) gently mix a poultice of mud and leaves; apply it to the hole
- b) plug the hole with tape sealant
- c) Remove tent stakes; sew hole up with thread and needle
- d) smartly secure a piece of your rain gear over the hole on the outside of the tent

2) A quick way to revitalize the waterproofing on your outerwear is:

- a) stick-on duct tape
- b) apply a no-shine car wax
- c) brush on a thin layer of seam sealant
- d) wash in mild detergent; throw in the clothes drier

3) What mountain averages the most rainfall per year in the world (roughly 450 inches annually)?

- a) Mt. Rainier, Washington
- b) Mt. Waialeale, Hawaii
- c) El Toro, Chile-Argentina
- d) Mt. Cook, New Zealand

4) Why don't you use normal laundry detergent on waterproof fabric?

- a) it will burn holes in the fabric
- b) it may leave a fine, white residue on the fabric
- c) it may make the fabric less waterproof
- d) the smell may attract wildlife to your campsite

5) How much snow equals one-inch of rain?

- a) 1-2 inches
- b) 3-6 inches
- c) 5-12 inches
- d) 13-15 inches

6) What's the best way to keep your gear dry in your pack?

- a) line your pack with a garbage bag
- b) keep clothing packed in a waterproof stuff sack near the center
- c) put a rain cover over your pack
- d) all the above

7) The best place to cook camp food when it's raining is:

- a) inside your tent
- b) under a tarp or shelter
- c) on a exposed ridgeline
- d) all the above

8) What's the best way to layer in a cold, early spring rainstorm?

- a) cotton layer, cotton layer, waterproof layer
- b) cotton layer, waterproof layer, synthetic insulating layer
- c) insulating layer, wicking layer, waterproof layer
- d) wicking layer, synthetic insulating layer, waterproof layer

9) True or False? Cotton socks perform the best in Gore-Tex boots because they absorb lots of moisture.

- a) True
- b) False

10) What do you call people who fear rain or of being rained on?

- a) Xylophobic
- b) Limnophobic
- c) Rainstick Men
- d) Ombrophobic

Rain Quiz Answers:

Answers:

1) b or d 2) d 3) b 4) c 5) c 6) c 7) b 8) d 9) b 10) d

Scoring:

Give yourself one point for each question you answered correctly

9-10 points: High and dry

You obviously only took this quiz for sheer entertainment value. You're an expert at heading off moisture.

5-8: Semi-arid

Your clothes might be damp and your feet wet, but you'll likely make it out of the woods if the mercury doesn't drop below 50°F.

1-4: Swamp thing

Maybe desert camping is more your style. If you plan on heading anywhere where yearly rainfall averages more than an inch, we recommend a fact-finding expedition to your local gear store, or a thorough reading of a waterproofing guide.