Camp Out TREND TASK

Approach: One to one

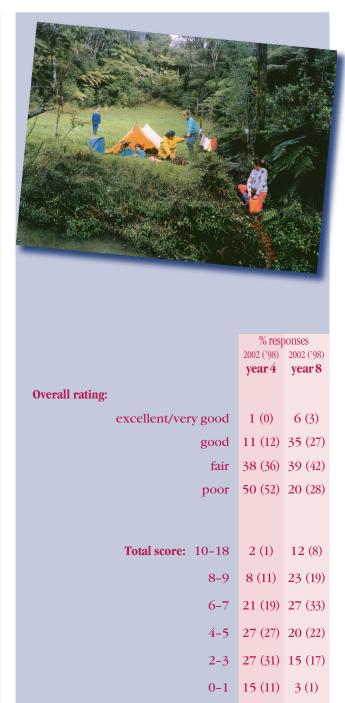
Focus: Prevention of injury.

Resources: Picture.



Level: Year 4 and year 8

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Questions/instructions:	% responses 2002 ('98) 2002 ('98)	
Show picture.	year 4	year 8
This picture shows a group of people camping in the New Zealand bush. They want to have a good safe camp.		
1. What are some of the serious dangers that the people could face here?		
PROMPT: Tell me as many things as you can think of.		
Dangers mentioned:		
getting lost/separated	35 (46)	53 (48)
physical injury	57 (56)	57 (47)
drowning	38 (39)	56 (63)
exposure	3 (6)	11 (5)
infection	9 (2)	19 (13)
fire	51 (60)	62 (75)
2. What are all of the things these people should do so that their camping trip is as safe as possible? PROMPT: Tell me as many things as you can think of.		
Safety precautions mentioned:		
initial planning (e.g. checking weather, communications, equipment, first aid equipment)	13 (16)	31 (26)
appropriate clothing		
appropriate food supplies (including safety margin)	10 (10)	
discussion of what to do	10 (10)	- 1 (1))
in emergencies	3 (4)	5 (0)
travelling together (or with leader)	36 (36)	45 (47)
care in choosing camping site	28 (24)	45 (49)
care with fire	39 (44)	57 (67)
care near water	18 (20)	24 (27)
sanitation (cleanliness, food bandling, waste disposal)	5 (1)	13 (11)



Commentary:

Most students did not consider the risks of exposure and infection, and the corresponding care needed with clothing and sanitation. Few suggested advance discussion of what to do in emergencies. Year 8 students performed substantially better than year 4 students, and there was little change between 1998 and 2002 at either year level.