

## **SHELTERBOX: CREATE A CAMP**

**Who is this activity for:** Age range (11-15) – Key stage 3-4, Scouts, Guides, Explorers, Interact

**How long should it take:** 25 – 40 minutes

**Resources needed:** Enough printouts of the **map** and the **instruction** sheet for the amount of teams within the group. One printout of the **answer** sheet.

**Instructions:** In this activity five groups are encouraged to look over a map and discuss where the best location may be to set up a ShelterBox camp for people who have been made homeless by a disaster.

**Step 1:** Divide the group into teams of around 4-5 people. Hand out the instruction sheet and the map.

**Step 2:** Give the teams 15 minutes to read the instruction sheet and discuss which of the potential sites would be the most appropriate to create a camp of ShelterBox tents for people displaced by an earthquake.

**Step 3:** After 15 minutes ask each group to report back with their choices and explain them.

**Step 4:** Using the answer sheet, go through the prospective sites one by one, underlining any pros and cons not already discussed by the group. If they haven't reached this conclusion themselves, explain why Site A is the best choice in the circumstances.

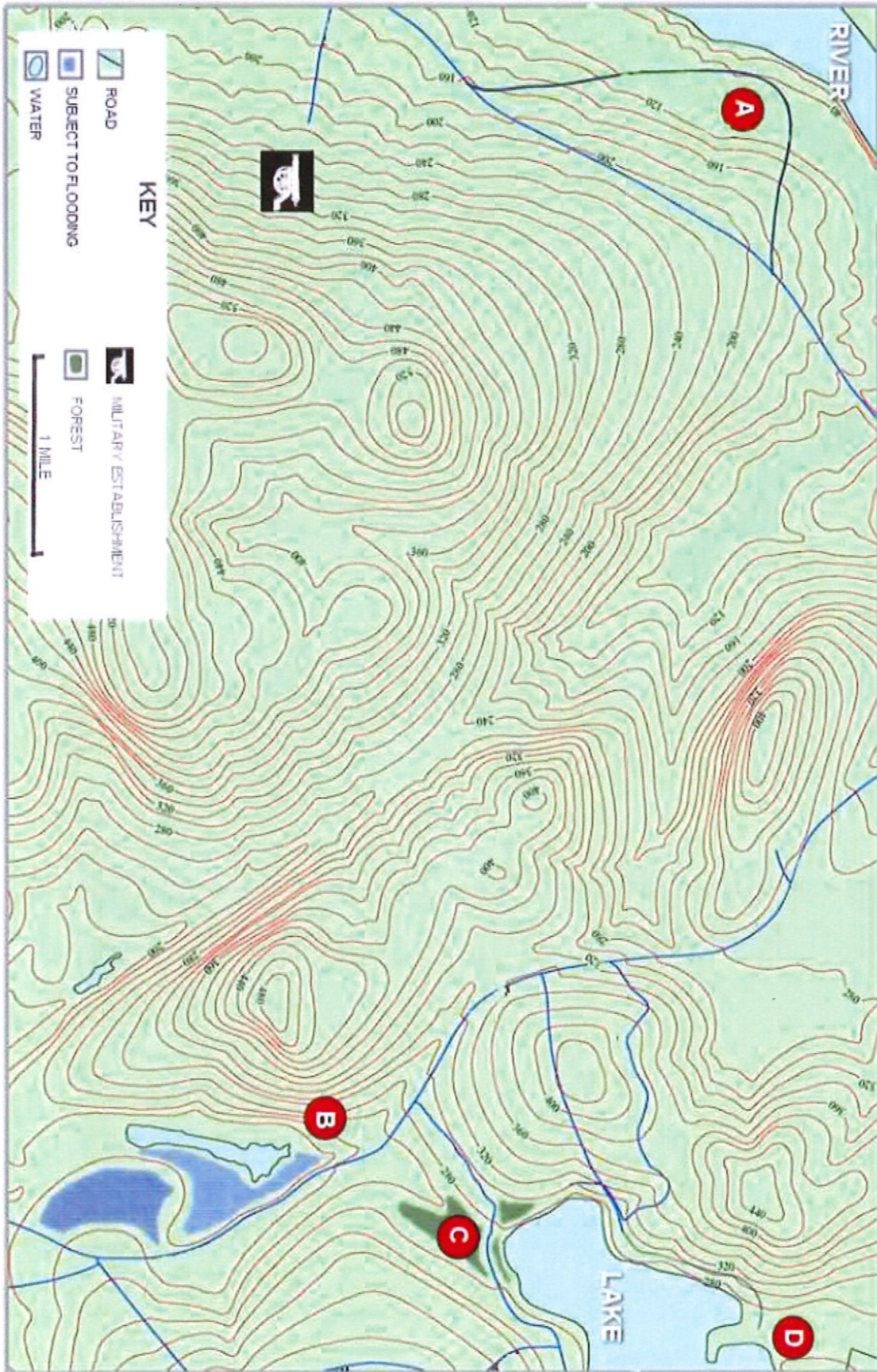
## **INTRODUCTION**

ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity, has recently responded to a devastating earthquake in the North of Pakistan. Thousands of people were left homeless and after assessing the situation and consulting with local officials, ShelterBox decided to send aid.

You are now a specially qualified ShelterBox Response Team volunteer, which means you must accompany this aid and make sure it reaches the worst affected areas and help set up a camp for families.

Your challenge, using the map provided, is to decide on the most suitable location for a ShelterBox camp. Remember, there are several things to take into consideration, such as sanitation, terrain, access and security. And remember, the tighter the lines on the map, the steeper the gradient.

Good luck!



## ANSWERS

For this deployment, Site A would have been the most suitable location. The reasons for this are below. It's worth explaining, however, that if the disaster had been different you may have chosen another site. So, if we had been responding to floods, it is unlikely that we would create a camp by a river bank.

### SITE A

**Pros:**

- Near a road (good access)
  - Near water
  - A river provides better sanitation opportunities than a lake (explain why)
  - Not far from a military base (good for security and transportation)
  - Situated on level ground
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### SITE B

**Pros:**

- Near a road (good access to site)
- Near water

**Cons:**

- A lake is not as good for sanitation as a river
  - Situated on a steep slope (not suitable for setting up camp)
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### SITE C

**Pros:**

- Near a road (good access to site)
- Near water
- On level ground (suitable for setting up camp)

**Cons:**

- A lake is not as good for sanitation as a river
  - Situated in a forest (not suitable for setting up camp)
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**SITE D**

**Pros:**

- Near a road (good access to site)
- Near water
- Situated on level ground (suitable for setting up camp)

**Cons:**

- A lake is not as good for sanitation as a river