

ROPES & KNOTS — LEADER KEY

BADGE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST (BRC)

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WITH EVALUATION HINTS

Gold boxes contain leader hints for evaluating each requirement

STEP 1 | DISCOVER

INITIALS

- a) Explain the difference between natural and synthetic ropes and how rope choice affects strength, stretch, and safety. _____
- b) Explain why correct knot choice matters more than simply knowing many knots. _____

STEP 2 | PLAN

INITIALS

- a) Match the correct knot to each task: joining two ropes, securing a load, creating an adjustable line, forming a fixed loop, or starting a lashing. _____
- b) Explain basic rope safety rules including load limits, avoiding sharp edges, and preventing tripping hazards. _____

STEP 3 | ACT

INITIALS

- a) Use a square knot and a sheet bend to join ropes for two different practical purposes, explaining why each knot was chosen. _____



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Leader should test knots under light load to confirm correct tying.

- b) Use two half hitches and a clove hitch to secure objects at camp or in a work area, demonstrating proper tension and safety. _____

- c) Use a taut-line hitch to secure and adjust a tent or rain fly under changing conditions. _____



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Taut-line hitch must slide and hold under tension.

- d) Use a bowline to create a fixed loop for a practical task such as securing a line to a post or tree without slipping. _____

- e) Use a timber hitch to drag or secure a log or pole safely. _____

- f) Build a simple structure using lashings (square or diagonal), such as a camp table, tripod, or drying rack, demonstrating stability and proper frapping. _____



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Lashing must support weight or tension appropriate to the structure.

STEP 4 | REFLECT

INITIALS

- a) Explain which knot or lashing you found most useful and why reliability matters when others depend on your work. _____
- b) Describe one situation where using the wrong knot could cause failure or injury. _____

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END OF REQUIREMENTS

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL
REQUIREMENTS WERE MET AT OR ABOVE THE REQUIRED STANDARDS AS OUTLINED
IN THE BADGE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST.

SKILL BADGE ADVISOR

DATE (YYYY-MM-DD)