

QUICKWRITE ORGANIZER: EPISODE 2, "STRANDED!"

REVIEW FACTS TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION

Before deciding whether to “hire” rescue dogs to help find people who might be stranded in Fog Hollow, weigh all the facts.

Start by rereading Pierre’s summary of the article “Rescue Dogs to the Rescue!”

Think about each fact, and ask yourself:

1. Is this fact a pro (reason for) using the dogs or a con, (reason against) using them?
2. Don’t just use the facts in the article! What are some of your own pros and/or cons for Common Ground using rescue dogs?

List the pros and cons that will help you make your decision in the table below.

PROS A "pro" is an argument in favor of something, or a reason that supports a particular decision. In this column, list the pros—good reasons for using rescue dogs.	CONS "Con" comes from the root word <i>contra</i> , meaning against or opposite. In this column, list the cons—the reasons against using rescue dogs.

Time to make your decision!

Look again at your list of pros and cons. A greater number of reasons in one column will help you make your decision. But don't go by that alone! Reread each list of reasons. Who knows, maybe one reason is so strong it outweighs arguments on the other side.

You can either go back to the game to write, or write the email in the space below, then copy and paste your email into the box in the game.

WRITING PROMPT

In three to four sentences, give Pierre your decision about using rescue dogs and your reasons for it. Before you hit "Send," make sure you've included each of these points in your writing:

- a clearly stated decision in the first sentence.
- two to three strong reasons supporting your decision.

MY EMAIL TO PIERRE