

REPRODUCIBLE ACTIVITY

DO KNOT TRY THIS AT HOME

Knots are extremely useful for surviving in the wilderness, tying your shoes, and for creating the inventions necessary to escape dire situations. Violet, Klaus, and Sunny have often used knots. Fill in the knot from the list below next to the inventions in which it was used.

Devil's Tongue Knot

Sumac Knot

Neither Knot

- 1 Used in *The Hostile Hospital* to make a bungee cord _____
- 2 Used in *The Slippery Slope* to attach the drag chute to the caravan _____
- 3 Used in *The Bad Beginning* to create the grappling hook _____
- 4 Used in *The Reptile Room* to lasso the incredibly deadly viper _____
- 5 Used in *The Ersatz Elevator* to create a long rope used to climb down the elevator shaft _____
- 6 Used in *The Austere Academy* to tie Coach Ghengis' sneakers together _____



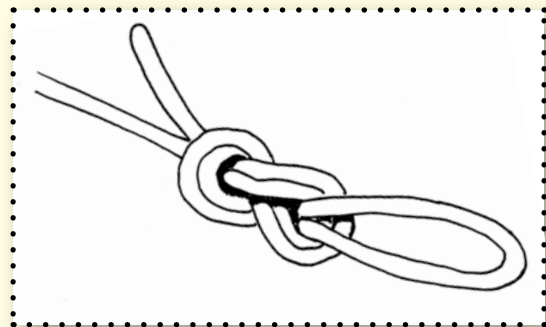
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Now, use your knot knowledge to learn how to tie some knots yourself. You will need two pieces of rope or thick string.

FIGURE-OF-EIGHT KNOT (Use 1 rope)

This basic knot will come in handy when you are fishing or climbing.

Make a loop. Carry the end of the rope first behind, then around, the standing part. Bring it forward through the loop.



TAPE KNOT (Use 2 ropes)

This knot is useful for joining ropes together to devise an escape route.

- 1) With the first rope, make a loop and pass the end back through it, not pulling it tight.
- 2) Feed the second rope through it so that it follows exactly the shape of the first knot.
- 3) The ends should be well clear of the knot so that they will not slip back when you tighten it.

