



Beware of Landmines!

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1. If there has been fighting in your area there may be things such as landmines or other weapons left behind. These things may look very interesting but they can be very dangerous. If you pick up a landmine or other weapon it can explode and kill or injure you.

2. Today we are going to learn about landmines and how to avoid being injured. Landmines are dangerous weapons. They are designed to blow your feet off or to kill you.

3. A landmine is usually set off by stepping on it or by walking into a wire which is attached to it. But a landmine may be set off by picking it up or by moving it. Even if a landmine does not explode immediately, it can explode at any time. You should stay away from all landmines and other weapons!

4. Landmines are used during conflicts or wars, to hurt enemies. They can also hurt you. They can kill you, or they can seriously injure you. For example you can lose a limb or be blinded. Now here's a question for you....

5. Are landmines dangerous?

6. Yes

7. or no?

8. Press a button now.

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9. Yes, landmines are dangerous weapons. They can kill you or hurt you.

10. What will happen if you pick up or step on a landmine?

11. It may explode

12. or nothing will happen?

13. Press a button now.

14. Yes, landmines may explode if you pick them up or step on them. They may not explode immediately, but, remember, landmines can explode at any time.

15. When a war finishes or fighting stops you may feel safer, but there will be landmines and other weapons left behind. These are still very dangerous. They can still explode.

16. So even if your area is peaceful and there is no fighting; landmines are still a threat.

17. Even if a landmine is very old and does not look dangerous it can still explode and may kill you or hurt you.

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18. Now here are some questions for you....

19. Which of these is true?

20. When a war or fighting finishes landmines are safe,

21. or when a war or fighting finishes landmines are still dangerous?

22. Press a button now.

23. That's correct, when a war or fighting finishes landmines are still dangerous.

24. Can landmines that look old or harmless still explode?

25. Yes

26. or no?

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27. Yes, even if landmines look old or harmless they can still explode.

28. People are often injured picking up landmines, or trying to take them apart.

29. Sometimes people think they can sell old landmines or other weapons for scrap metal. This is very dangerous.

30. Sometimes it can be done without an explosion, but if the landmine does explode it will blow your hands off, blind you and sometimes kill you. It can also kill or injure people around you.

31. Sometimes whole families have been injured because someone has taken a landmine into the house. Landmines may look very interesting, but do NOT touch them or any other weapon.

32. Why is it a bad idea to try to sell the scrap metal from landmines?

33. The landmine may explode while you are touching it,

34. or you can't make much money from scrap metal?

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35. That's right. If you touch landmines they can explode at any time, causing serious injury or even death.

36. You must be careful as there are lots of different types of landmines.

37. They may look very different. Here are some pictures of different types of landmines ...

38. Some landmines do not even look like weapons. They look very interesting and so attract young people and children.

39. It is important to be aware of where your children are playing.

40. Do all landmines look the same?

41. Yes

42. or no?

43. That's right, there are lots of different types of landmines. Some landmines do not even look like weapons.

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44. Which of these is a land mine?

45. That's right. Many landmines do not look like weapons.

46. Landmines can be found in many different places. They are sometimes in fields where crops are grown. They can be in other places as well, for example on roads and paths or near water supplies.

47. They may be placed on top of the ground or buried underground. Usually areas with landmines have not been used very much so they are often overgrown. This can make it very difficult to see the danger.

48. Landmines are usually hidden. If you can see something that may be a landmine, there will probably be many others that you cannot see.

49. When you are in an unfamiliar area you must be particularly careful.

50. Which of these is true?

51. Landmines can only be found in crop fields,

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52. or landmines can be found in many different places?
53. That's correct, landmines can be found in many different places - for example on roads or paths or near water supplies.
54. If you look carefully will you always be able to see landmines?
55. Yes
56. or no?
57. You're right! Landmines can be buried underground or very well hidden.
58. Now that you have learnt about landmines, we will give you some useful advice. If a landmine explodes, you must try to be calm.
59. If you or another person is injured, you should try to get medical help.
60. Remember: once a landmine has exploded, it is very likely that there are other landmines in the area.

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61. In an area where a landmine has exploded which of these is true?

62. People are in danger as there are likely to be other landmines nearby,

63. or people are safe because the explosion has finished?

64. That's correct, if one landmine has exploded there are likely to be more in the area.

65. Let's talk about what to do when you think you are in a landmine area. If you have seen something you think is a landmine, or a landmine has exploded nearby you may be in a landmine area, or you may have seen a warning sign.

66. The sign will usually include this image, but other signs may be used instead. So what should you do if you think you are in a landmine area?

67. If you see a landmine you must never touch it or play with it. It is very dangerous. If you think there are landmines around you, tell other people to STAY AWAY.

68. Other people should not walk towards you, as this would put them in danger too. If possible they should find someone with experience of landmines to help.

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69. If you see a landmine, is it safe to touch it or play with it?
70. Yes
71. or no?
72. That's right! You must never touch a landmine or play with it. Landmines are extremely dangerous.
73. If you are in a landmine area, should you:
74. Shout for people to come and help you,
75. or tell people to stay away?
76. That's right. You should tell people to stay away and fetch help if possible.
77. Often no help is available, so you have to move. You must turn around and try to walk only where your feet touched the ground before.

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78. If you are on a path, turn around and stay on the path as you go back out of the dangerous area. Move slowly and carefully. Don't run.

79. Look carefully at the ground where you are walking and avoid anything that could be a small part of a landmine.

80. Sometimes there are wires connected to landmines. If you touch one of these wires the landmine may explode. The wires may be plastic coated, painted green, rust or earth coloured. They may be very difficult to see. Look carefully and stay calm.

81. There may not be any help available. If you have to move, how should you do it?

82. Run away from the area quickly,

83. or turn around carefully and try to walk only where your feet have touched the ground before?

84. That's correct. It is dangerous to move, but if there is no help available, try to walk only where your feet have touched the ground before.

85. If wires are attached to landmines are they always brightly coloured?

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86. Yes
87. or no?
88. That's right. Wires attached to landmines are often green or earth-coloured, and difficult to see.
89. When you know that an area has landmines in it, you must remember that this area is always dangerous. It will not be safe until all landmines have been removed.
90. If you discover a landmine area you should report it to your local authority. This may be the village chief, policeman or soldiers. You can put some warning signs outside the dangerous area. This will tell other people of the danger.
91. Landmine experts, who are people with special training and equipment, can make the area safe.
92. No one in your village who is not a landmine expert should try and do this unless they have had training and are expert in landmines. Magic and witchcraft cannot destroy landmines.
93. What should you do if you discover a landmine area?

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94. Report it to your local authority,
95. or keep quiet and tell no-one?
96. Yes! If you discover a landmine area you should report it to your local authority and put warning signs outside the dangerous area.
97. Who is able to destroy a landmine safely?
98. Only someone with special training,
99. or anyone who has seen a landmine before?
100. That's correct. To safely destroy a landmine, you need special training.
101. You have learnt a lot about landmines today. The most important fact is that they are always dangerous. Never go near them or play with them.
102. That was the wrong answer. Let's go back and listen again.

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103. Sorry! Wrong answer.
104. Hello. The title of this lesson is “ Beware of Landmines! ”. To begin, press the arrow pointing to the right. After you have finished this lesson the arrow pointing down will take you to the quiz. To listen again press the middle button.
105. You’ve now finished the lesson. Well done! Now press the arrow pointing down to play the quiz and try to win a gold star!
106. Correct!
107. “Beware of Landmines!”