



Blaze a Trail

A.

A woodsman usually blazes his trail by chipping with his axe the trees he passes, leaving white scars on their trunks, and to follow such a trail you stand at your first tree until you see the blaze on the next, then go to that and look for the one farther on; going in this way from tree to tree you keep the trail though it may, underfoot, be overgrown and indistinguishable.

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B.

Follow these 5 steps to blaze a trail:

- Figure out how dense the trees and undergrowth are, and what is growing there, so you can get together the right tools.
- Decide how wide you want your trail to be.
- Decide on the direction of your trail.
- Cut down or flatten bushes or undergrowth to make a path.
- Clean up any dead bushes or any rocks that could trip people.

DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the passage that goes with each statement.

1. A step-by-step guide to blazing a trail. _____
2. Talks about blazing a trail by chipping into trees. _____
3. Talks about clearing a trail through bushes and underbrush. _____
4. Talks about how to follow a blazed trail. _____
5. Does not require that the trail be clear. _____
6. Takes into consideration the desired width of the trail. _____