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Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Content Questions

1. What type of plane was Brian traveling in?
 - a. bushplane (Cessna 406) pg 1
2. How old is Brian?
 - a. Thirteen pg. 1
3. Where does Brian's father work?
 - a. In the oil fields of Canada pg. 6
4. What word do you say to signal end of transmission over the radio?
 - a. Over Pg. 19
5. What is a beaver house called?
 - a. A beaver lodge pg. 38
6. What type of thinking was Brian's English teacher always talking about?
 - a. Positive thinking pg, 46
7. Who gave Brian the hatchet?
 - a. His mother pg. 46
8. 2 part question: What are at least two things Brian had with him when he arrived on the island?
 - a. A quarter, three dimes, a nickle, two pennies, fingernail clipper, 20 dollar bill, hatchet!, tennis shoes, socks, jeans, underwear, belt, t-shirt, windbreaker. Digital watch. pg. 46-47
9. Brian realizes that in all his life what has he never heard before?
 - a. Complete silence pg. 47
10. What type of shelter did Brian and his friend decide was the best?
 - a. A lean-to pg. 53
11. What was the first thing he ate on the island?
 - a. Berries pg. 59
12. What did he use as a carrying pouch to collect the berries?
 - a. His windbreaker pg. 60
13. What does he end up calling the first berries he ate?
 - a. Gut cherries pg. 65
14. What time was it when Brian saw the sun straight overhead?
 - a. Noon Pg. 72
15. What kind of juice did Brian drink?
 - a. Raspberry juice pg 72
16. What happened when Brian hit the wall with his hatchet?
 - a. There was a shower of sparks pg. 75
17. What made the insects disappear?

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- a. Smoke (near the fire) Pg. 90
- 18. What did he start calling the camouflaged birds?
 - a. Foolbirds pg. 114
- 19. What did he use as string for his hunting bow?
 - a. His shoelaces pg. 117
- 20. What kind of hope did Brian feel building inside him?
 - a. Tough hope. Pg. 120
- 21. What is the great, single driving influence in nature?
 - a. To eat. Pg. 122
- 22. What happened when Brian encountered a skunk?
 - a. He got sprayed pg. 123
- 23. What lesson did the skunk teach Brian?
 - a. Protect food pg. 124
- 24. What event did he call the day he first ate a bird?
 - a. Day of First Meat pg. 137
- 25. What did he call his raft?
 - a. Brushpile pg. 156
- 26. What did he find in the survival pack that made him feel changed?
 - a. A rifle pg. 173
- 27. How did the pilot find Brian?
 - a. Heard the emergency transmitter pg. 177

In which book:

- 1. In which book does a character think of fire as a friend?
 - a. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen pg. 87
- 2. In which book does a character eat raw turtle eggs?
 - a. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen pg. 94
- 3. In which book does a character encounter a mama bear and her cubs?
 - a. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen pg. 114
- 4. In which book does a character get attacked by a porcupine?
 - a. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen pg. 76