**Alpha Island**

What a paradise you have landed on! You almost don’t miss New York at all. You are likely somewhere in the South Pacific. Except for the occasional storm, this island has everything one could need. There are caves for shelter. Or you can use any of the sturdy trees to build houses and other buildings. There is plentiful fresh water. Luckily, you landed with a lot of fishing supplies (hooks and poles) and there are several shallow coves around the island. A variety of tropical fruit grows in abundance year round. Your plane was small, with only thirty passengers. All of the passengers were coming back from a conference on sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa. There are fourteen women and sixteen men, with no children; although many have families at home they will miss. They are exclusively social workers, nurses, doctors, teachers, two engineers, and three economists. You couldn’t ask for a nicer group, really.

**Beta Island**

You feel as though you have lasted on the surface of the moon. It is sunny and hot, but it’s a desert landscape. You have enough hooks and fishing rods to ensure you won’t starve. There are caves for you to live in. Building shelters out of palm trees is too arduous. You will have to watch your water supply carefully. It only rains for two days every month. There’s one type of fruit that grows on the island, which looks like a cactus and is nearly inedible. There no reef or shallow water near the island, so some people have to spend hours in homemade canoe fishing. On your flight, there were only ten women and ninety men. In the rows behind you on the plane, you heard some people saying nasty things about their parole officers, their love of weight-lifting, and their time in jail.

**Gamma Island**

There was some sort of massive electric pulse which brought down three planes at once. Luckily, your island is the size of Long Island. You have a little over five hundred people on your island; they are a range of ages from babies to twenty octogenarians. Most are healthy, working adults from twenty-five to forty-five years old. You have 270 women and 230 men. Your island has abundant fresh water, fishing coves, and tropical fruit. There are some trees that can easily be turned into any sort of wooden product or structure. Five of the men were on a fishing trip to Hawaii, so they brought their gear and may teach you how to fish. In the airplane’s cargo hold, there were some seeds for wheat, corn, and barley. Some students were returning from study abroad, so there are lots of books, reams of paper and school supplies. Because people are fairly educated, most read the newspaper at home and are very opinionated about government.

**Delta Island**

You have landed somewhere in the Indian Ocean. Except for the occasional typhoon, this island has everything one could need. There are caves for shelter. Or you can use any of the sturdy trees to build houses and other buildings. There is plentiful fresh water. Luckily, you landed with a lot of fishing supplies (hooks and poles) and there are several shallow coves around the island. A variety of tropical fruit grows in abundance year round. The plane had all women coming back from a conference and one male football team. The men seem to have the idea that the thirty of them should run the island, with little input from the hundred and fifty women.

**Epsilon Island**

What an odd mix your plane was. There were fifty men and women coming back from completing a triathlon in Norway. Also, all the forty-six residents of Denture Acres retirement home, who are sixty-five to eighty-nine years old. Except for the occasional storm, this island has everything one could need. There are caves for shelter. Or you can use any of the sturdy trees to build houses and other buildings. There is plentiful fresh water. Luckily, you landed with a lot of fishing supplies (hooks and poles) and there are several shallow coves around the island. A variety of tropical fruit grows in abundance year round.

**Theta Island**

Your plane was coming back from the world economic conference at Davos, Switzerland, so it has some famous people in first class: Angelina Jolie, Bill Gates, Carlos Slim, Warren Buffet, Beyoncé, Larry Ellison, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Alsaud, Christy Walton, Bono, Matt Damon, Park Geun- Hye, and Mukesh Ambani. These men and women are some of the wealthiest or most famous in the world and are used to special treatment. Yet, the rest of the plane is regular people from all over the world flying for business or vacation. These 120 coach passengers have a range of jobs and are a range of ages. One side of the island looks like Hawai’i: lush, beautiful, with perfect beaches and shallow coves for fishing; while on the other side of the island, is semi-arid and has limited resources that will barely support all your passengers. There is a high volcanic mountain range separating the two sides, so the island could be separated into two separate societies. You overheard Ms. Jolie and Ms. Park talking about how the first-class passengers could have the nice side of the island and leave the coach passengers with the not-so-nice part.

**Zeta Island**

The plane was one of the largest that flies and was fully booked with 350 passengers. Half of the passengers were high school students from Ohio coming back from a school trip abroad. The other passengers are families and couples, some with children and a few retirees. It was an expensive flight so most of the adult have highly-paid white-collar jobs and bachelors or masters degrees. It is a large island. The island has adequate fresh water, fishing coves, and tropical fruit, but you need to manage your resources or you could run out. There are some trees that can easily be turned into any sort of wooden product or structure, but not enough that everyone can have a huge, commodious tree-house. Four men and women were on a fishing trip to Mexico, so they brought their gear and may teach you how to fish. In the airplane’s cargo hold, there were some seeds for wheat, corn, and barley, which people will have to work and plan if they are going to be successful in agriculture. There were also 30 college professors coming back from a conference, so there are lots of books, reams of paper and school supplies. Because people are fairly educated, most read the newspaper at home and are very opinionated about government, except for the teenagers.