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The Perfect Camping Trip

By Anita N. Amin

One Saturday evening, Bella and her friend Mia went camping. Mosquitoes snapped at them in the dewy air. Tall pine trees rustled in the soft wind and sprinkled down pine needles.

"It's like camping in the woods," Mia said. They were in Bella's back yard.

"Let's pitch our tent." Bella flung a sheet over two drooping branches on side-by-side trees. It was perfect! They laughed and crawled under the sheet.



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a campfire in our back yard. You or someone else could get hurt. Just pretend. Or you can use the microwave."

They pretended but it wasn't the same. And their marshmallows got dirt all over them.

"Hmm," Bella said. "Let's sit and look at the stars instead."

But when they looked up, Bella saw a black sky without any glowing stars. The moon was hazy and striped with tentacle-like clouds.

"The sky looks spooky," Mia said.

"It does look spooky," Bella smiled.

They told each other spooky ghost stories. It was perfect!

Then, Bella felt a drop. And another. And another.

Bella and Mia raced inside out of the rain.

Their camping trip was ruined! Bella frowned. Or was it? She remembered they could make s'mores in the microwave!



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1. In the story, where do Bella and Mia go camping?

- a. on Bella's grandparents' farm
- b. in Mia's bedroom
- c. in Bella's backyard
- d. in the woods



2. Describe three things that go wrong during Bella and Mia's camping adventure.



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- a. It's too windy.
- b. It's going to start raining.
- c. There is no firewood.
- d. Someone could get hurt.

4. In the story, how do the girls make their s'mores?

- a. over a campfire
- b. in the microwave
- c. using marshmallow spread
- d. they don't make s'mores

5. Read this sentence from the story:

"The moon was hazy and striped with tentacle-like clouds."

Which of the following words best describes the tone, or mood, of this sentence?

- a. mysterious
- b. confusing
- c. playful
- d. ordinary

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Unscramble the letters in the boxes in order to form vocabulary words from the story. Write the complete word on the line.

1. **n o d i o g r p**

hint: falling forward; hanging down limply

2. **h i p c t**

hint: set up; put in position

3. **s i m o q
t o e u s**



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hint: crackled like leaves on a tree

6. **s a e h s**

hint: powdery dust left behind from a fire

7. **o e d r e v u d**

hint: ate very quickly because of hunger

8. **o s y o k p**

hint: scary; ghostly

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In the story, "The Perfect Camping Trip," Bella and Mia's camping adventure doesn't turn out the way they planned, but by the end of the story, they find ways to make it fun anyway.

Write about a time something didn't go the way you planned. How were you able to make the best out of the situation? Did you find a way to have fun anyway?





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1.

n o d i o g r p

drooping

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2.

h i p c t

pitch

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