

The Camping Trip

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“Being cold and getting dirty doesn’t sound fun to me,” said Vashti.

Mum, Sam and Vashti were going on their first ever camping trip.

When they got to the campsite, Sam and Mum tried to put up the tent. The wind blew hard. Mum turned around to ask Vashti to help and... the top sheet of the tent blew away!



Mum told Sam and Vashti to go and look for the top sheet.

“I think it blew that way,” said Vashti, pointing into the woods

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Soon, the ground was very muddy. Sam wanted to go back but Vashti said they had to keep going. Then they saw something up a tree. It was the top sheet!



Quickly, Vashti climbed up the tree. At the top, she got the ground sheet! She climbed down happily.

Back at the campsite, Mum was proud when she saw they had found the top sheet.

She was surprised to hear Vashti say, "I walked through mud

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and climbed a tree. It was so much fun!”

“I’m dirty and cold and I want to go home,” said Sam.

Mum gave Sam a hug and showed them the lovely fire she had made. Vashti and Sam got warm by the fire. Mum fixed the tent and Vashti said that maybe camping wasn’t so bad after all.

“Well this has been fun already!” said Mum. “Just not the kind of fun we were expecting!”



Questions

1. What did Mum think the camping trip would be? Tick one.

- boring
- fun
- bad

2. What did Sam want to do on the camping trip? Tick **two**.

- climb trees
- get lost
- be outside

3. **The top sheet _____ away.**

Tick one word to complete the sentence.

- sank
- blew
- ran

4. Where did they find the top sheet? Tick one.

- in a bush
- in a tent
- up a tree

5. How does Mum feel when she sees Vashti and Sam with the top sheet? Tick one.

- cross
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- sad

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“I can’t wait to live outside, climb trees and explore!” shouted Sam from the back seat.

“Being cold and getting dirty doesn’t sound fun to me,” sulked Vashti.

Mum, Sam and Vashti were going on their first ever camping trip.

When they arrived at the campsite, Sam and Mum started putting up the tent. The ropes kept getting twisted and the wind got stronger. Mum turned around to ask Vashti to help and... the top sheet of the tent blew away!



Mum sighed and asked Sam and Vashti to go and look for the top sheet.

“I think it blew over there,” said Vashti, pointing into the woods

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next to the campsite. It was a sunny day but it was dark and spooky in the woods. They crept in...

Soon, the ground was very muddy. They pushed through branches and brambles. Sam wanted to go back but Vashti said they had to keep going. Then, they saw something high up in a tree. It was the top sheet!

Without thinking, Vashti bravely rolled up her sleeves and started to climb towards the top. Finally, she reached the top sheet! She grabbed it and clambered down, grinning from ear to ear.



Vashti and Sam followed their muddy footprints back to the campsite. Mum beamed with pride when she saw them.

She was surprised to hear Vashti say, "I walked through mud and climbed a tree. Please can we do it again tomorrow?"

"I'm dirty and cold and I want to go home," whispered Sam.

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Mum gave Sam a cuddle and showed them the roaring fire that she had made. As it got dark, Vashti and Sam got warm by the fire and toasted marshmallows. As mum tucked them into their sleeping bags, Vashti thought that maybe camping was a bit fun after all.

“Well this has been an adventure already,” said Mum. “Just not the one we were expecting!”



Questions

1. Where do Vashti and Sam go to look for the top sheet? Tick one.

- to the campsite
- into the woods
- to the seaside

2. Number these events to show the order that they happened in the story. The first one has been done for you.

| | |
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| | The top sheet of the tent blows away. |
| | Vashti and Sam get warm by the fire. |
| 1 | Mum, Sam and Vashti get to the campsite. |
| | Vashti and Sam go to look for the top sheet. |

3. Draw lines to match these sentences to the character they describe at the **beginning** of the story.

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| Mum |
| Vashti |
| Sam |

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|---|
| can't wait to live outside and climb trees. |
| thinks camping will be an adventure. |
| thinks being cold and dirty is not fun. |

Questions

4. Find and copy **two** adjectives used to describe the woods.

- _____
- _____

5. How does Vashti feel about camping by the **end** of the story?

Answers

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to the campsite

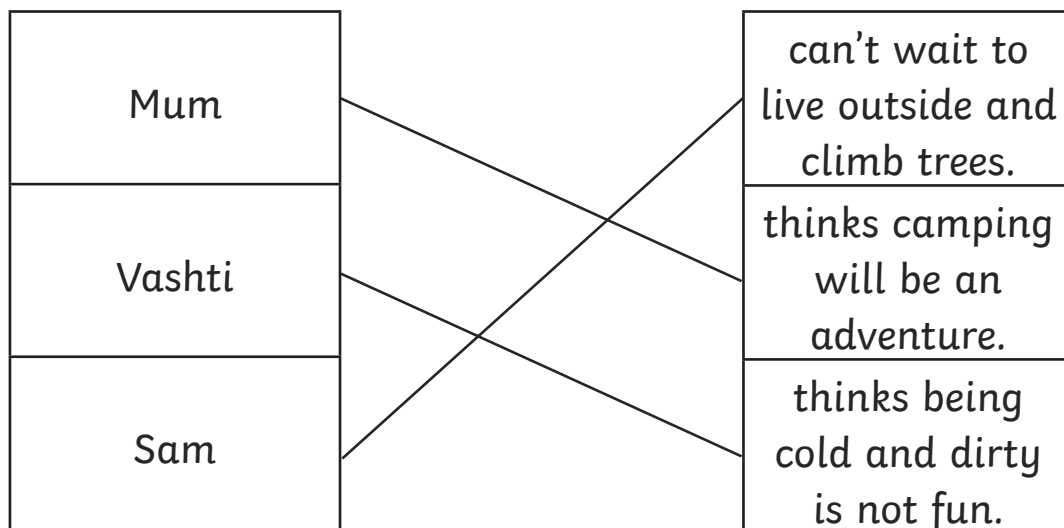
into the woods

to the seaside

2. Number these events to show the order that they happened in the story. The first one has been done for you.

| | |
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| 2 | The top sheet of the tent blows away. |
| 4 | Vashti and Sam get warm by the fire. |
| 1 | Mum, Sam and Vashti get to the campsite. |
| 3 | Vashti and Sam go to look for the top sheet. |

3. Draw lines to match these sentences to the character they describe at the **beginning** of the story.



Answers

4. Find and copy **two** adjectives used to describe the woods.

- **dark**

- **spooky**

5. How does Vashti feel about camping by the **end** of the story?

By the end of the story, Vashti thinks maybe camping is a bit fun after all.

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“Well, this is going to be an adventure!” said Mum cheerfully as she started the car.

“Living outside, climbing trees and exploring... I can't wait!” exclaimed Sam from the back seat.

“Being cold and getting dirty with no computer or TV doesn't sound like fun to me,” sulked Vashti.

Mum, Sam and Vashti were going on their first ever camping trip.

When they arrived at the campsite, Sam and Mum started putting up the tent. The ropes kept getting twisted and the tent flapped in the wind. Mum turned around to ask Vashti for help and, just at that moment, the top sheet of the tent blew away!



Mum sighed. She calmly asked Sam and Vashti to go and look for the top sheet while she started the campfire.

“I think it blew over there,” said Vashti, pointing deep into the

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woods next to the campsite. It was a bright, blustery day but it looked eerily dark and still in the woods.

Cautiously, they entered the woods. Soon, the ground grew muddy. Their shoes made squelching sounds and Sam wanted to go back but Vashti knew that they had to keep going.

“We can’t go back without the top sheet,” she announced bravely.

They pushed through spiky branches and scratchy brambles, getting deeper into the woods. Then, Vashti saw something high up in a tree.

“It’s the top sheet!” she shouted with glee.

Without thinking, Vashti rolled up her sleeves and started to climb towards the top. Sam cheered her on from below. After much difficult climbing, she got the ground sheet and happily clambered down with it, grinning from ear to ear. Sam looked worried again.



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“How will we find our way back?” he asked nervously.

“Easy,” said Vashi, pointing to the dirt under their feet.

Vashti and Sam followed their muddy footprints all the way back to the campsite. Mum beamed with pride when she saw them covered in mud and leaves, carrying the top sheet. She was shocked when she heard Vashti say, “I walked through mud and climbed a tree and it was so much fun. Please can we lose something else tomorrow?” However, Sam didn’t look so sure.

Mum gave Sam a cuddle and showed them both the crackling, roaring fire she had made. As it got dark, Vashti and Sam warmed themselves by the fire with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. As they snuggled into their cosy sleeping bags, Vashti decided that perhaps camping wasn’t so bad after all.

“Well this has been quite an adventure already!” chuckled Mum.
“Just not the one we were expecting!”



Questions

1. What does mum say the camping trip will be? Tick one.

- a disaster
- an adventure
- a surprise

2. Number these events 1-4 to show the order that they happened in the story.

| | |
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| | Vashti and Sam have marshmallows and hot chocolate. |
| | Vashti spots the top sheet. |
| | Mum, Sam and Vashti arrive at the campsite. |
| | Vashti and Sam go into the woods. |

3. Finish the sentences.

Sam was excited for the camping trip because _____

Vashti was **not** excited for the camping trip because _____

4. Find and copy a word which describes how Vashti climbed down from the tree.

Questions

5. How did Vashti and Sam find their way back to the campsite?

6. **“Just not the one we were expecting!”**

Why do you think that Mum says this at the end of the story? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

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| 3 | Vashti spots the top sheet. |
| 1 | Mum, Sam and Vashti arrive at the campsite. |
| 2 | Vashti and Sam go into the woods. |

3. Finish the sentences.

Sam was excited for the camping trip because **he couldn't wait to live outside, climb trees and go exploring.**

Vashti was **not** excited for the camping trip because **being cold and dirty with no computer or TV didn't sound like fun.**

4. Find and copy a word which describes how Vashti climbed down from the tree.

happily

Answers

5. How did Vashti and Sam find their way back to the campsite?

Vashti and Sam found their way back to the campsite by following their muddy footprints.

6. **“Just not the one we were expecting!”**

Why do you think that Mum says this at the end of the story? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

Pupils’ own responses, such as: I think Mum says it was not the adventure they were expecting because she did not expect the top sheet to blow away and because she did not expect Vashti to have fun, get muddy and climb a tree.