

The Camping Trip

"Well, this is going to be an adventure!" said Mum, starting the car.

"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.

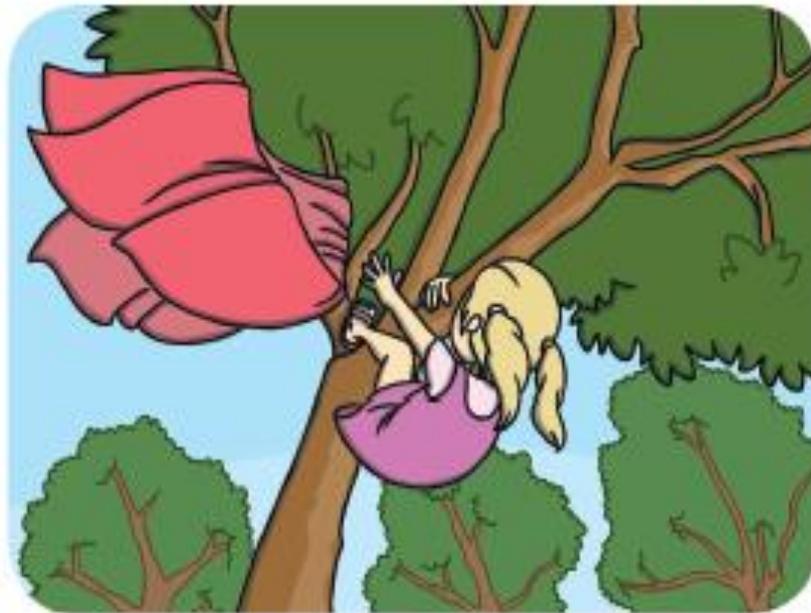
"I think it blew over there," said Vashti, pointing into the woods

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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.

	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.

Mum
Vashti
Sam

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.

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