

The Camping Trip

“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.

	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.

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.
