

Reading: Camping disaster



1 Two teenagers had a disaster on holiday when they were caught in a terrible storm during their camping trip, but they are now safe and well back home. Teenagers Belle and Lucy Davis were bored with being at home in the summer holidays when all their friends were away. They decided to take some clothes and their tent and go camping in the mountains.

2 'It was a lovely sunny day when we decided to go camping,' says Lucy. Belle said 'Everyone else is on holiday, why not us? It's so boring being at home!' So we decided to pack our sun cream and sunglasses quickly and go camping while the sun was shining. It only took us ten minutes to get our backpacks ready!

3 Unfortunately, the good weather didn't last long. 'It started to rain while we were putting up the tent,' says Belle. 'We weren't too worried, and we decided to start our camping trip!'

4 It continued to rain, and soon it got very windy, too. 'We were a bit scared', says Lucy, 'but it was getting dark and it was too late to go home.' A few minutes later, water started coming into the tent. 'We started running', says Belle. 'We couldn't run very fast because we were wearing flip-flops! We decided to go to the nearest house and look for help!'

5 Luckily, Lucy had a map and they found a house not far away. They phoned their parents, and their mum came to take them home by car. Are the girls planning another camping trip? They laugh. 'We don't know', they say. 'Maybe hotels are safer!'

a) Match the headings (a–e) with the correct paragraph (1–5).

a When the rain started ____

b A hot sunny day ____

c Disaster! ____

d Bored at home _1_

e Plans for next summer ____

b) Read the text again. Choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1 Lucy and Belle went camping by the sea. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

2 Belle and Lucy were having a great summer holiday with their friends. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

3 It was a bit cloudy when they decided to go camping. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

4 Water started coming into the tent. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

5 The girls had a map. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

6 The nearest house was very far away. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

7 The girls could run very fast because they were wearing trainers. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

8 The girls are going to stay in a hotel on their next trip. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

9 The girls haven't got a tent now. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

10 Their mum took them home by car. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

11 The girls had sore throats and temperatures the next day. ☐

A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say