

- 1   16 Read and listen to the online article. What do you think these words mean? Choose the correct answers.

put away – throw away / put in its usual place

1 festival goer – person who visits a festival / organizer of a festival

2 organic – recycled / made from living things

3 low-cost – expensive / cheap

4 look out for – try to find / plan to use



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### An enthusiastic inventor with a practical new idea?

If you go to popular music festivals like Glastonbury, you'll see the same thing. On the last day, everybody says 'goodbye' to their friends before starting the journey home. However, some people leave behind something important – their tent! Why? They don't want to **put it away** – they can buy a cheap one again next summer.

British university student Amanda Campbell worked at festivals in the holidays, so she'd seen people leave behind their camping equipment. She started investigating and found out that over one in five **festival goers** leave their tents at festivals. This creates over 400 tonnes of rubbish each year!

So Amanda decided to design a tent made from biodegradable materials. At first, she developed a tent from cardboard. However, when she tested and examined it, she discovered that it was very heavy to carry. She then adapted her design and experimented with **organic** materials from plants.

In the end, Amanda developed the 'Comp-A-Tent'. It's a light, waterproof tent that biodegrades in 120 days. Amanda is making the first tents by hand, so they'll cost about £100. But she hopes to produce the tents in a factory soon and they will only cost about £40 – a similar price to many **low-cost** tents.

Inventing the tent was a very positive experience for Amanda. People have reacted well to the new product and they've given her encouragement. She's won an award from her university, too. **Look out for** her tents at music festivals in the future!



2 ★★ Read the article again.

Write *true*, *false* or *don't know* if the article doesn't mention it.



Abandoned tents at festivals account for over 400 tonnes of rubbish a year in the UK. .... *true* .....

- 1 Amanda is studying design at university.
- 2 Amanda only created one type of tent.
- 3 Amanda intends to make all the tents by hand in future.
- 4 Amanda's university gave her a prize for her invention.
- 5 Amanda plans to make other biodegradable products.

3 ★★★ Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

How did Amanda know about the tent problem?

*She worked at festivals in the holidays.* .....

- 1 What two reasons does the article give for people leaving their tents behind?

- 2 What was wrong with Amanda's first design?

- 3 Why are the first Comp-A-Tents expensive?

- 4 Do you think the Comp-A-Tent is a good idea? Why / Why not?

- 5 Do you think many people will buy the Comp-A-Tent? Why / Why not?

- 4 ★★ **VOCABULARY PLUS** Make nouns with *-ment*, *-tion* or *-ity* using these words from the article. Then use the nouns to complete the sentences.

encourage equip investigate popular  
react similar

The band's ..... *popularity* ..... increased at the festival.

- 1 My tent is nearly the same as yours. Can you see the .....
- 2 She created a type of camping .....
- 3 She did a careful ..... into the type of materials she needed to use.
- 4 People gave her help and .....
- 5 We heard an excited ..... from the crowd.