

Reading Comprehension test

The two boys walked slowly across the valley. Then suddenly Fred stopped and sat down on a large stone, "It's no use," he said. "I can't go any further. I'm absolutely exhausted!"

George looked at him for a minute. "Oh come on!" he said. "It's not very

5 far now. Only five or six miles at the most."

"Yes, but it's uphill most of the way," Fred said. He pointed to the path in front of them. It went straight up the side of the valley. George sat down too. For a while the two boys said nothing. Then Fred pointed to some trees about half a mile ahead.

10 "There's a hut among those trees," he said. "Perhaps we can spend the night there."

"I'll go and take a look," George said. He ran down the path towards the hut and vanished among the trees. Fred followed more slowly.

"What's it like inside?" he asked when he reached the hut,

15 "Not bad," George called back. "It feels a little damp, but there's some wood in one corner, so we can light a fire."

The two boys cleaned out the hut and lit a fire. Then they had supper. They were both tired and they did not talk much. Before they went to bed, they put plenty of wood on the fire. George fell asleep almost at once, but Fred

20 lay awake for a long time, watching the flames. Then he too fell asleep. Suddenly he was awake again. The fire was nearly out. He could hear noises outside. It sounded like voices. He woke up George.

"It's only the wind," he grumbled. "Go to sleep again!"

But it wasn't the wind! The voices came nearer until they were just outside

25 the hut. The door opened and a light shone on their faces. 'They're here!' a voice called out. A policeman was standing in the doorway. He addressed the two boys. "You've given us a lot of trouble," he said. "We've looked all over the valley for you two!"

**A-Read and decide.** Who found the boys? a) their father b) a policeman e) a friend

**B-Find these words in the text:**

exhausted (line 3); straight (line 7); ahead (line 9); hut (line 10);  
damp (line 15); addressed (line 26).

**Now choose the right meaning.**

1 small house	4 spoke to
2 directly	5 in front
3 very tired	6 wet

**Choose the right answer.**

1-Fred wanted to stop, but George wanted to: a) go back h) go on e) talk

2-The path in front of them was: a) long b) easy c) difficult

3-The boys lit a fire because: a) they could not see b) the hut was damp c) they wanted to cook .

4-After supper, the boys: a) went to bed b) sat and talked e) cleaned out the hut

5-Fred woke up because: a) he heard a noise b) he was afraid e) he was cold  
6-The policeman who carne to the hut: a) wanted to sleep there b) was looking for the boys e) wanted to catch the boys

**C- What do the words in bold refer to?**

- 1- He pointed to the path in front of **them**.
- 2-Perhaps we can spend the night **there**.
- 3- **It** feels a little damp.
- 4- "It's only the wind," he grumbled.
- 5- "**They**'re here," a voice called out.

**D- Put these sentences in the correct order.**

- 1 The boys did not talk much.
- 2 The boys cleaned the hut out.
- 3 Fred watched the flames for a long time.
- 4 The boys went to bed.
- 5 Fred fell asleep.
- 6 The boys found a hut among the trees.
- 7 The boys had supper.

8 George fell asleep quickly.

9 The boys lit a fire. ,

10 - The boys put plenty of wood on the fire.

**E- Guided composition. Use the sentences in D to complete this paragraph.**

The ..... They ..... it ..... and .....

Then..... They.....

because they were tired. After supper..... and

.....  
George..... but Fred .....

Then he .....too.

**F- Vocabulary practice. Complete these sentences, using the words in the box.**

absolutely	at the most	damp.	hut	path	valley
ahead	awake	exhausted	noise	straight	

1-We lay ..... for a long time, listening to the ..... of the wind.

2- Most of the rooms were warm and dry, but my room felt a little .....

3 There's a small town not very far ..... It's only two or three miles away .

4 Follow this .....through the trees. It goes..... to the village.

5 Is that a house on the other side of the .....? No, it's too small.

It's probably a .....

6 I went to bed early last night I was ..... !