

# My lucky escape

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Last summer, I was camping with my parents on the north coast of Spain.

It was the second day of our holiday and I was sitting outside our tent playing on my phone. But things were about to change. First, I heard a loud noise. It sounded like a large animal. I ignored it. Next, I smelt a strange smell. Then I saw a bright orange light. After that, my neck and my shoulders started to feel very hot.



Suddenly, I realized what was happening: it was a forest fire and the trees were burning all around us.

We were absolutely terrified and we ran to the beach. While we were waiting patiently with all the other people from the campsite, planes dropped water on the burning forest. Finally, after hours and hours, we went back to our tent but we couldn't stay on the campsite because it was too dangerous. Luckily, we were able to spend the night at a nearby school.

In the end, we had to go back home to England the next day. We were relieved and grateful to be alive.

**1 Where was Ben on holiday?**

**2 Who was he with?**

**3 What kind of holiday was it?**

**4 What was Ben doing when he heard the noise?**

**5 What did he think the noise was?**

**6 What was happening?**

**7 What did Ben and his parents do?**

**8 Where did they spend the night?**