

The Lost Backpack – A Travel Adventure Story

It was a warm summer morning when Emma and her friends arrived at the small train station in the mountains. The sun (shine) _____ brightly, and the birds (sing) _____ in the trees. They (plan) _____ to hike to a hidden waterfall they had read about online. For months, Emma (dream) _____ about this trip, and finally, it was happening. While they (walk) _____ along the narrow trail, Emma realized her backpack felt lighter than usual. She checked quickly and noticed something was missing — her water bottle and map! She (carry) _____ that backpack since the start of the trip and couldn't understand how she had lost anything. Her friends (chat) _____ happily and didn't notice her worried expression. By the time they reached a fork in the path, Emma (look) _____ for her things for over fifteen minutes. She (hope) _____ to find them before anyone noticed, but it was too late — her friend Noah finally asked what was wrong. When she explained, he laughed gently and said that while she (search) _____, he (see) _____ something shiny back near a rock. They all turned around and started heading back. Soon, dark clouds (gather) _____ above them, and the wind (blow) _____ stronger. It seemed a storm was coming. They (hike) _____ for only an hour, but the weather was changing fast. Emma (worry) _____ that the rain would wash away her things. Luckily, after ten more minutes, they spotted her backpack — it (lie) _____ under a tree where she had stopped earlier to take pictures. As they (pick) _____ it up, the first drops of rain began to fall. They (run) _____ toward a small wooden shelter nearby, laughing and dripping wet when they arrived. Even though they were soaked, everyone was smiling. After all, they (look forward) _____ to this adventure for so long that even the rain couldn't ruin it.