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The birthday party



My friend Sam's birthday was last Saturday. He was twelve. We had a party for him, but we didn't tell him we were going to have the party. On Saturday morning, Sam's parents took him to breakfast at a restaurant. His cousin William has a key to his house, so we all went to the house to prepare everything.

First, everyone put the presents that they brought for Sam on the table in the dining room. Then, we moved all the sofas and chairs in the living room so we would have enough space to dance. We wrote 'Happy Birthday Sam!' on a big piece of paper and we coloured it gold. We put the paper on the wall. One of Sam's friends brought some games for everyone to play and we put them in the living room, too.

Next, we needed to make a cake for Sam. The kitchen was very hot when the cooker was on, so we opened the window. The cake smelled very good and we wanted Sam to come home so we could eat it. We also made pizza for lunch and some of Sam's friends brought milk and juice to drink.

Soon we heard a car outside the house. We turned off the lights and hid behind the sofas and chairs. But when Sam came in, he laughed. 'I know you're here,' he said. We all jumped up. 'Why aren't you surprised?' we asked. 'Because the window is open and I could smell the cake from outside,' he told us. 'Thanks, everyone. Let's eat!'

Examples

They had a surprise party for Sam's birthday.

Sam's cousin has a key to his house.

Questions

- 1 They put Sam's presents in the dining room.
- 2 They moved all the because they wanted space to dance.
- 3 They coloured a big piece of paper
- 4 They because the cooker was making the kitchen hot.
- 5 They had for lunch.
- 6 When they heard the car, they and hid.
- 7 Sam wasn't surprised because he could the cake from outside through the open window.

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The children find water in the desert



One day Lucy and William decided to go for a walk in the desert near their house. It was summer and the day was hot and sunny. The children wore shorts and T-shirts and they had hats because they didn't want to be too hot. They wanted to have a picnic, so Lucy brought cheese and tomato sandwiches, and William brought biscuits and a big bottle of water.

They walked for a long time. Then Lucy said, 'I'm tired and my feet hurt. Let's stop behind these big rocks and eat our picnic.' After they ate their food, they saw an orange and green lizard which was running round the rocks. 'What a beautiful lizard! Where is it going? Let's follow it!' William said.

They followed the lizard, but it ran very quickly over the sand and rocks and soon they couldn't find it. The children looked round. 'Where are we now?' Lucy asked. They were in a new place. They didn't know where they were! 'I'm thirsty,' said William. 'And we drank all our water!'

Lucy said, 'Well, I remember that hill. We're about two kilometres away from it.' 'OK,' said William. 'Look. There was a river here before, but now there is no water. But there might still be water below us.' They started kicking the sand and moving it with their hands. Soon they found some water and drank it. When their bottle was full again, they went home.

Examples

It was a hot, sunny day in the **summer**

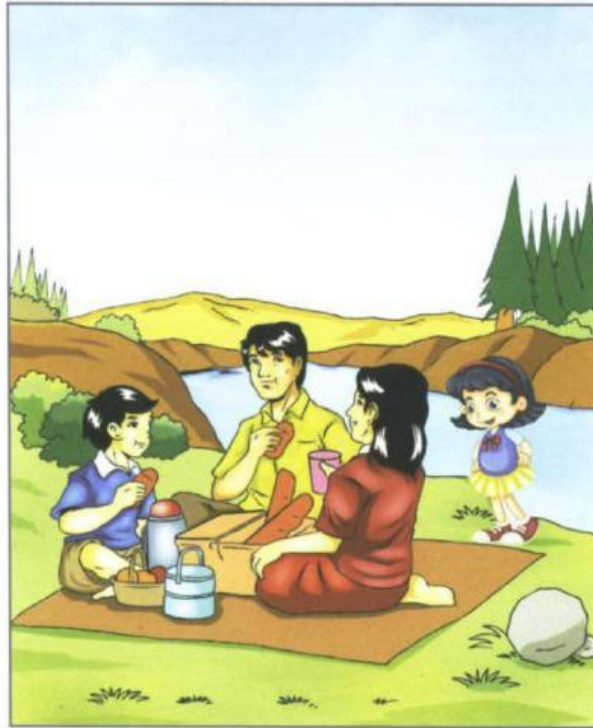
They brought sandwiches, **biscuits** and water for the picnic.

Questions

- 1 They ate lunch behind some
- 2 The lizard was in colour.
- 3 The lizard ran more than the children.
- 4 William thought, 'Oh no! We haven't got any more '
- 5 They were from the hill.
- 6 The children found a which was dry.
- 7 When they moved away some of, they found water to drink and to put in the bottle for the walk home.

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The rabbits at the picnic



One day Jack's family decided to have a picnic by the lake. It was a beautiful lake in the countryside full of fish and frogs. Jack's mother made lots of food and Jack's father put the children's kites and some towels in the car. Jack and his sister were excited about the picnic.

The family's big red car was very old, so they drove slowly over the mountains to the lake. First the children wanted to swim in the lake. Jack jumped off the rocks and tried to catch frogs. His sister was very good at swimming and she swam quickly round the lake. The water was cold, so soon the children got out of the lake and got their towels. When the family sat down to eat their picnic, they saw some rabbits watching them.

'Look!' Jack's sister said. 'Mum, can we give them some cheese?' But Jack's mum said that they mustn't give a rabbit cheese. She said that the children could give the rabbits some fruit. Jack held out half a pear to one of the rabbits, but the rabbit was afraid and hopped away.

But one of the other rabbits was braver. It hopped close to Jack. Suddenly, it jumped up, took the pear, and hopped back. Jack's sister laughed. 'What a funny rabbit,' she said. 'Dad, can we bring one home?' Her dad told her that these were not pet rabbits. 'OK!' she said. 'Let's fly our kites then.' The rabbits hopped away into the forest and the children flew their kites.

Examples

There were lots of fish and frogs in the lake.

Jack's father brought kites and some towels.

Questions

- 1 They had to drive over to get to the lake.
- 2 Jack tried in the lake.
- 3 The children didn't want to stay in the lake long because was cold.
- 4 Jack's mum thinks it's bad to give to a rabbit.
- 5 Jack wanted to give half of his to the rabbit.
- 6 The rabbit that was took the pear.
- 7 After the picnic, the children

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Vicky finds a secret room!



Vicky likes to play in the basement when the weather isn't nice. She also likes to read in the basement, and there is a bookcase with her favourite books there.

One day, it was very cold and foggy, so Vicky didn't want to play outside. She went to the basement and looked at the books, but she couldn't decide which one to read. Then she saw a book which wasn't hers. The book was blue and it said 'The Queen's Cave' in gold letters. Vicky tried to pull the book off the shelf, but it was very heavy. Suddenly, the book fell out and the bookcase started to move!

The bookcase moved to the left. Vicky saw an empty space in the wall behind it. She looked inside, but it was too dark to see. She ran upstairs to find her torch. When she looked inside again, she could see a little room. Carefully, she climbed into the room. 'Wow,' she whispered. 'I didn't know there was a queen's cave in my basement.' She looked round the room. It was full of treasure.

There were boxes of gold and silver, old paintings, rings and beautiful dresses and skirts. Vicky laughed. 'I'm rich!' she shouted. She put on one of the dresses, which was a lovely purple colour, and put on a few rings too. She danced round the room. Then she picked up the book that said 'Queen's Cave' and started to read. It was a story about a queen who had to hide her things and run away from a monster, but one day the right person found everything again. Vicky smiled. 'I always wanted to be a queen!'

Examples

Vicky plays in **the basement** when the weather is cold.

She has a **bookcase** with her favourite books.

Questions

- 1 Vicky didn't want to go out because the weather was
- 2 The book was blue and the were gold.
- 3 The book was so it was difficult to move.
- 4 Vicky needed her torch to see inside the
- 5 The room was full
- 6 Vicky put on a and some rings.
- 7 The queen in the story had to away from a monster.