



RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

It was about 7PM and sisters Bridget and Maeve just arrived at their campsite in the Elkmont Campground in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It was a beautiful night as the girls unpacked their tents and began making cheeseburgers for dinner. Before they hit their pillows, they enjoyed some tasty s'mores.

The next morning they woke up to another beautiful day. They decided to drive through the park and visit the third highest peak east of the Mississippi River, Clingmans Dome. They stopped along the way for some lunch, and then continued their drive. However, as they got closer to their destination, it became much foggier. Bridget, who was driving, clenched the steering wheel as they drove through the winding mountain roads. Shortly before 1PM the sisters arrived at the parking lot of Clingmans Dome. A few cars were there, but it was pretty empty.

Bridget parked the car and the two women began the short hike up to the top of the observation tower. They were now 6,643 feet above sea level, but they couldn't see a thing. The fog was dense and they could barely see two feet in front of them. The sisters were very disappointed that they spend their day driving, only to see fog.

Bummed, Bridget and Maeve walked back to the car. As they began the trek back to their campsite, it started to drizzle. As the rain splattered onto the windshield Bridget gripped the steering wheel even more than before. As they continued to drive the rain was getting worse. Maeve whispered, "Could this day get any worse?"

The sisters were defeated, so instead of heading back to their campsite to make dinner, where it was probably soaked, they drove to Gatlinburg to enjoy a warm meal from a local restaurant. Once they finished dinner, they could see that the rain had stopped and the last of the days' sun was peaking through the clouds.



Soon they arrived back at their campsite, where they were pleasantly surprised that their tent wasn't wet. A camper, Sharon, from a nearby campsite popped over and explained that she had an extra tarp, so she tied it to a few trees so it would cover their tent. Bridget and Maeve were so thankful!

They spent the remainder of the evening chatting with Sharon, while roasting marshmallows over a warm fire. It wasn't the day they were hoping for, but they were glad to have a happy ending!



COMPREHENSION CHECK

Directions: Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1.) How high is Clingmans Dome?

- a. 5,693 feet
- b. 6,643 feet
- c. 9,382 feet

2.) What caused the girls to not see when visiting Clingmans Dome?

- a. Too much rain
- b. The path was closed
- c. Too much thick fog

Directions: Number the events in order from 1-5.

3.) Bridget gripped the steering wheel because the rain was intense. _____

4.) They ate dinner at in Gatlinburg because it was still raining. _____

5.) Bridget and Maeve enjoyed breakfast before leaving for the day. _____

6.) Sharon, a fellow camper, told the women she put a tarp over their tent to save it from the rain. _____

7.) They drove to Clingmans Dome, but it was very foggy. _____

Directions: Read question and answer in the space provided using complete sentences.

8.) What emotions do you think Bridget was feeling while she was driving? How do you know?

9.) How would you feel if you go to your destination and it was full of fog? Explain.

10.) Why were the women surprised when they returned to their campsite?
