

The camping adventure

Mum, Dad, Ben and Tess are in the van. They are going on a camping adventure in the forest. Ben and Tess have never been on a camping adventure before. When they get there Dad finds a place to camp. Dad loves camping. "Being surrounded by nature and being out in the fresh air is such a joy!" laughs Dad. Ben and Tess share a tent. They can hear an owl. They enjoy making owl noises until Mum gets annoyed. "Twit-twoo! Twit-twoo!" "Oi! Don't be so noisy!" she shouts. The next day Ben and Tess meet a boy with very fair hair. He knows a lot about nature. He tells them that rare bears used to live in the forest. "I think I prefer my toy bear," says Tess. Tess looks scared. They are walking in the forest and see cows, deer and hares. Mum likes hares. "They are like big rabbits with long ears," Mum explains. Ben and Tess have never seen these animals. They walk through lots of trees, leaves and sticks on their adventure. "Be careful, some sticks are sharp!" shouts Dad. "Ouch!" Ben has hurt his ear. Dad puts some ointment on it. "This will cure you." "Are you sure?" says Ben rubbing his ear. It's the last night of their camping adventure. "Go to sleep now," says Dad. Everyone is quiet until they hear a strange noise. Mum, Dad, Ben and Tess peer out of their tents. They can see a wild pig. It's brown with lots of hair and a long snout. "Get away

from here!" shouts Mum. On the way home Tess says, "What a great camping adventure. Nature's fun that's for sure!" "Thanks Mum and Dad for our camping adventure," says Ben still holding his ear!

The school trip

Tess is very excited. "Wake up, Ben!" she shouts. "Look at the calendar, today's date is June 5th. It's time to go on our school trip!" Mum and Dad wave as Ben and Tess walk down the lane. "Have a good time!" they smile. When they arrive, Mr. Duke and his wife are waiting at the gate to welcome them. "It's time to go to the lake!" says Mrs. Duke. The children hop across the lake on the stones. "One stone, two stones, three stones, four stones, five stones!" whisper the children. Then it's time to dive in. Splash! Next, they go into the forest. Ben and Tess can see a line of ropes in the trees. They are very brave and swing from rope to rope. After lunch it is time to ride a horse. Tess is very excited. "The horse is so cute!" she says. "Yeehaa!" she shouts as she rides her horse down the slope. Mr. Duke takes the children to explore a cave. "Don't be scared, I'm not," whispers Ben. The children tiptoe along. They shine their torches and look around. They can see leaves, stones and even bones. "Are you sure you're not scared, Ben?" smiles Tess. Suddenly, the children see a strange shape. "Quick! Shine your torch on those stones." "Aaah! Run for your life!" screams Tess. Tess and Ben run out of the cave! On the coach ride home the children talk about their school trip. "The horse ride was great." "I liked it in the cave.".....

The picnic

Mum, Dad, Ben and Tess are in the van. They are going to have a picnic. "Look, look! Let's stop here by the lake!" says Mum. It is a very hot day so the children put on their hats. Ben grabs the bat and Tess grabs the ball. "Hit the ball Ben! Hit the ball to me!" Dad looks in the lake. "Look at the fish. I can see a black fish, flat fish and fat fish! I want to catch a fat fish!" Dad says. Mum fetches the picnic basket from the van and Ben and Tess help put the food on the rug. They have lots of buns, bananas, jam sandwiches and jelly. "I love picnics!" says Dad. They finish their food and Mum says, "Let's play I spy! I spy with my little eye something beginning with 'j'!" "J... j... jam?" says Dad. "J... j... jelly?" says Tess. "No!" says Mum. Ben looks up. "I know! Jet!" "My turn!" says Ben. "I spy with my little eye something beginning with 'h'." This one is hard. "H... h... house?" says Mum. "H... h... hat?" says Tess. "No. It's over there!" says Ben. It's time to go home. Ben and Tess put the rubbish in a bag. "Please put the bag in the bin!" calls Dad. They go back home in the van. On the way home Ben and Tess make a plan. "Fish, fish, fish," whisper Ben and Tess and they leave a surprise for Dad. "Look! Look behind the basket! Dad! Your fat, black fish is here on the floor!" everybody laughs!