The Pest in the Tent

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Green Words (Phonetic):

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Red Words (Sight):

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Practice reading these sentences.

Megan and I sat in the tent.
The tent sat on the deck.
Fang got in the tent.
Miss Stanton’s students have pen pals. They write letters to their pen pals once a month. Let’s read one of the letters Lana wrote to her pen pal in England.

Lana had a pen pal.
Her pen pal was Bess.
Lana wrote Bess a letter about the time she and Megan camped out on the deck behind Lana’s house.

Lana’s letter said:

Dear Bess,

Megan and I got a tent.
We set it up on my deck.
We put beds in the tent.
We had fun!
Before Lana and Megan could go to bed, something went wrong.

It got dark.
We heard steps.
We heard sniffs.
It was my big pet dog, Fang!
Fang got in the tent!
Fang loved Lana and Megan, so when he sniffed them in the tent, he wanted to go in too! But a big dog in a small tent means trouble.

Fang sat on my bed.  
He bent it.  
Fang stepped on Megan’s bed.  
He messed it up.  
I said, “Get out, Fang!”
Fang liked the tent, so he didn’t want to leave. How could the girls make him go?

Fang did not get out.
Fang was a pest.
We begged.
He did NOT get out!
We tugged at his neck.
He did NOT get out!!
Then Lana remembered that Fang LOVED hard-boiled eggs. She ran into the kitchen.

I got an egg.
I fed the egg to Fang.
Fang got out of the tent!
We got back in.
“Mom! Get Fang!” I said.
“Send Fang to bed!”
Mom sent Fang to bed.
We had fun in the tent.
Fang is the best dog.
But Fang can be a pest.
Do you have a pet?

Love,
Lana
1. Did Fang mess up the tent?

2. Did Fang bend the bed?

3. Was Fang a pest?

4. Did Fang like eggs?
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