

The Camping Trip



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Green Words (Phonetic):

backpack	panted	camping	unpacked
tramped	nodded	can't	soft
that	lifted	bring	after
sudden	jumped	hear	agree

Red Words (Sight):

please	going	now
where	rolled	down

Practice reading these sentences.

The kids helped unpack the camping gear.
Fran and Steve were going down a path.
Fran said, "I can hear soft steps."

Fran Taft and her family went on a camping trip. They hiked with all their camping gear up a hill near their farm. They planned to spend the night on the hill in their big tent.



The Tafts tramped up the hill.
“Let’s camp under the trees,” said Dad.
He set up the tent.
Mom unpacked the camping gear.
Fran and Steve helped Mom and Dad.

After the camp was set up, the children decided to explore. They started down a path through the woods. "Don't go too far!" their mom called.



Fran ran down the path.

Steve panted, "Stop! I can't keep up."

Fran stopped. "Shhh! Can you hear that?" she asked.

Steve stopped. He nodded.

"I'm scared, Fran! I heard something moving," said Steve.



"I can't hear it now," said Fran. "Let's go on."

Steve held Fran's hand.

The kids kept on going down the path.

All of a sudden, the kids stopped.

Fran said, "I DO hear it."

Fran looked back over her shoulder. Now SHE was beginning to get scared!
Something was rustling softly in the bushes.



Fran said, “I can hear soft steps.”
“Is it a ? Let’s run!” said Steve.
The kids ran fast back up the path.

As the children turned to race back up the path, they did not notice a tree stump in the middle of the path.



Fran tripped on a stump.
Steve bumped into Fran.
They fell in a heap on the path.
“Fran, get up!” screamed Steve.
“The  will get us!”
bear

Fran tried to help Steve up, so they could get away from the ferocious bear. Suddenly, Fran stopped.



“Look, Steve!” Fran grinned. “Look on the path.

It was not a .”
bear

A big, soft, black cat was sitting on the stump.

Steve looked at the cat. The cat looked back at Steve.

“It was a cat!” said Steve. “It must be lost.”

Steve had an idea.



Steve lifted the cat up.

“Let’s bring the cat back to camp,” said Steve.

“We can keep it.”

Fran did not agree.

“Mom said no pets,” said Fran.

Fran knew that Mom thought they already had enough pets on the farm. She was afraid that Mom would not let them take the cat home.



Fran patted the soft cat.
The cat licked Steve's hand.
“Let's ask Mom,” said Fran.
The kids tramped back to the camp.
The cat ran after them.

When Fran and Steve arrived at the campsite, Mom and Dad were too busy to notice the cat.



They got back to camp. Mom was upset.
“A  got in the backpack,” said Mom.
The kids screamed, “ICK!!!”
The cat ran to the backpack.
He jumped on top. He stuck his  in it.



The cat jumped into the backpack.
The backpack bumped and rolled!
The  ran out into the tall grass.
mouse

Mom looked surprised and said, "Where did the cat come from?"



Fran said, "The cat was on the path. It was lost."

Steve said, "The cat got rid of the  !
mouse

Can we keep him, Mom? Please?"

Mom was glad the  had left.
mouse

"You can keep the cat," said Mom.

1. Why did Fran and Steve stop?

- a. They needed to rest.
- b. They did hear soft steps.

2. Where did the cat go?

- a. It tramped to camp.
- b. It hid in a tree.

3. What did the cat do at camp?

- a. It slept.
- b. It got rid of the  mouse.

4. Why did Mom let the kids keep the cat?

Reading Roots, Level 3

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