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Sets 1-4

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Sight Words

tent

put

dark

sticks

fire

stones

Word Building

sleeping

scary

brother's

scaring

sleepy

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My brother, Ben, and I have little tents. Dad's tent is bigger. I can put my tent up without dad's help. A good spot to put up my tent is on the grass in the garden.



My friends like to sleep in my tent with me. We put up the tent and make the beds. I sleep in a red sleeping bag. We put some food in a bag so we can eat when it gets dark.

We get some little sticks and logs to make a fire. Rex gets some sticks as well. Dad lets us have a little fire if my big brother stays with us. We have a hose to put out the fire when we go to sleep.



Ben gets lots of sticks to add to the fire. We do not want the fire to go out. Fires keep bugs out of the tent. We sit in the dark and add lots of sticks to the fire.





My big brother sits with us. When it is dark, he tells us stories. He tells us lots of scary stories. We are not scared. We are too big to be scared by his stories. My brother bets us that we will not stay in the tent after dark. He says that we will get scared when it is dark.



Mum tells my brother to stop scaring us with his stories. She says that we have to go to bed. She says that scary stories will stop us going to sleep. We are not scared of my brother's stories !

My friends and I get into the tent. It is dark in the tent. We get into the sleeping bags. We do not go to sleep. We are not scared and we want to talk in the dark. We tell scary stories, too.

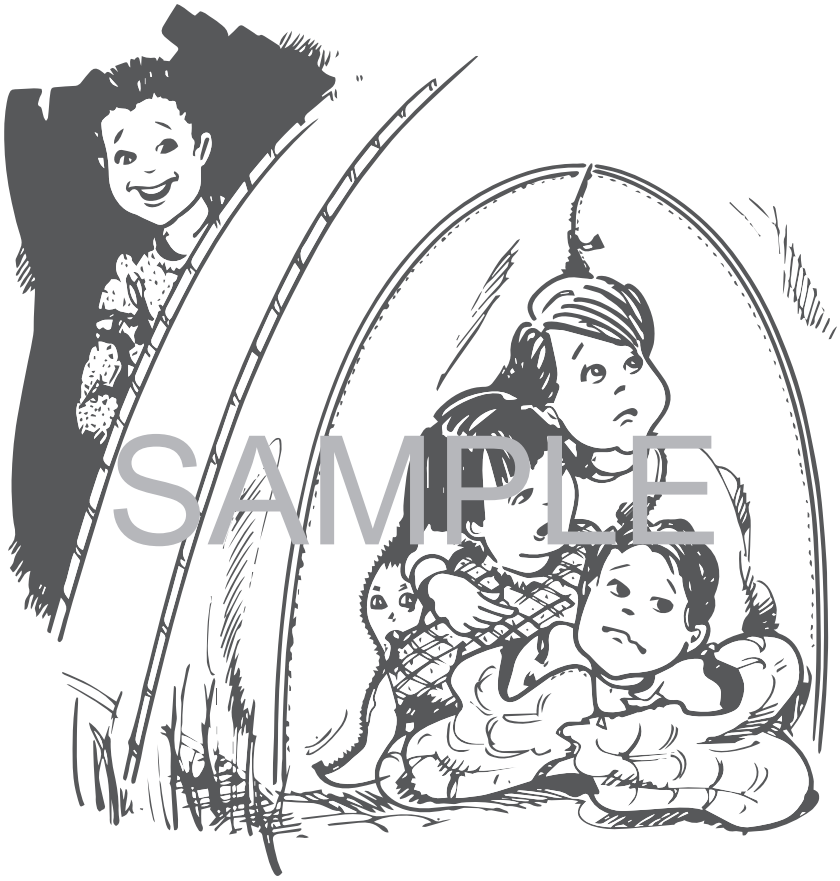


After telling lots of stories we get sleepy. My friend, Matt, falls asleep, but I can't go to sleep. Scary things are out and about in the dark. They hiss and scratch the tent. Will they try and get in the tent?



I sit up in my sleeping bag. I hit the tent to make the scary things go off. Does it work? I get my friends up. We are all scared. Do animals run about in the dark or ...





... is it my big brother with a stick?

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Comprehension and Discussion Questions

Pre-reading discussion questions

1. Do you have a tent? What shape is it?
2. What does a 'three-man tent' mean?
3. Who knows some scary stories to tell in the dark?
4. Who has been scared at night? (In a tent, in your bedroom, etc.)
What did you think might happen?

Literal questions (during reading)

1. Page 3: Where do the boys put up their tent?
2. Pages 4/5: How do the boys get ready for the night?
3. Page 7: How does the big brother entertain the little boys?
4. Page 7: Does the big brother think the boys will stay in their tent? Why?
5. Page 8: Why is the mother concerned about the stories?
6. Page 10: Why is the boy worried?
7. Page 11: What does the boy do to frighten the scary things away?

Post-reading discussion questions

1. What do you think was scaring the little boys?
2. Is it all right to tell scary stories to little children?
3. Do you think the boys were scared by the brother's stories?
4. What are some safety rules about being near campfires?

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Set 1: a, m, s, t, i, f

- 1.1 Sam and Max
- 1.2 Rats and Cats
- 1.3 Pat the Rat
- 1.4 Kim and the Hat
- 1.5 I Want it
- 1.6 Matt and Tim
- 1.7 The Sand Pit
- 1.8 Out You Go!

Set 2: d, r, o, g, n, l

- 2.1 Mad Max
- 2.2 A Hot Dog
- 2.3 Ross Runs
- 2.4 Too Hot! (A Play)
- 2.5 Missing Out (A Play)
- 2.6 Catching Bugs
- 2.7 Big School
- 2.8 Let the Bugs Go!

Set 3: u, c, n, k, b, v

- 3.1 Big Sums
- 3.2 The Bug and the Bun
- 3.3 I Get Scared
- 3.4 My Dog Gus
- 3.5 Gus Goes to School
- 3.6 My Big Sister
- 3.7 It's Not Fair!
- 3.8 Look at Me!

Set 4: e, p, j, w

- 4.1 Big Red Hens
- 4.2 The Sick Pig (A Song)
- 4.3 Bill Cuts His Leg (A Rap)
- 4.4 Hens and Eggs
- 4.5 Jeff's Pups
- 4.6 Red Spots
- 4.7 Sleeping in My Tent
- 4.8 The Big Smell (A Play)

Set 5: y, i, g, z

- 5.1 Look Out Duck!
- 5.2 Very wewer (A Song)
- 5.3 Fox on a Box (A Play)
- 5.4 Big Holes (A Song)
- 5.5 Our Creek
- 5.6 Mother Fox
- 5.7 Eating Out
- 5.8 I'm Just Going To!