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Before you read, can you match the words with the pictures?

1 camping site
2 tent
3 sleeping bag
4 ice cream
5 car
6 beach
7 fire
THIS is Anna. She’s seven. Today she is at home with her family. It’s the school holidays. ‘I’m bored,’ says Anna. ‘I’m bored, too,’ says Tom. Tom is Anna’s little brother. He’s five. ‘Mum, we’re bored!’ says Anna. ‘What can we do?’
'Let’s go camping,’ says Mum. ‘Good idea!’ says Dad.

They look at a map. ‘Look,’ says Mum. ‘There’s a camping site in Upton. It’s near the beach.’ ‘Great!’ says Dad. ‘Let’s go there.’
They look for the camping things.  
‘Where’s my sleeping bag?’ asks Tom.  
‘It’s in the cupboard,’ says Mum.  
‘Where’s my sleeping mat?’ asks Anna.  
‘It’s under your bed,’ says Mum.  
‘Where’s the camping stove?’ asks Dad.  
‘It’s in this drawer,’ says Mum.
They look for the camping things.
‘Where’s my sleeping bag?’ asks Tom.
‘It’s in the cupboard,’ says Mum.
‘Where’s my sleeping mat?’ asks Anna.
‘It’s under your bed,’ says Mum.
‘Where’s the camping stove?’ asks Dad.
‘It’s in this drawer,’ says Mum.
‘Where’s the tent?’ asks Dad.
‘I don’t know,’ says Mum.
They look upstairs. They look downstairs.
They look everywhere.
Mum finds the tent under the stairs.
‘Here it is!’ she says.
Dad finds some chairs and blankets. Mum puts some food in a bag. Anna and Tom put some clothes in a bag. Dad puts lots of things in the car. He puts some things on the roof.

‘Wait!’ says Tom. ‘I haven’t got my teddy!’

He finds his teddy.

Now they are ready. Off they go!
What do they say?

1. Mum, we're bored!

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Write the words.

drawer  chair  teddy
stairs  tent  roof
cupboard
They drive and drive and drive. It’s a long way!
Tom and Anna play games in the car.
They count the red cars.
They count the blue cars.
‘I’m hungry!’ says Tom.
‘Let’s have a picnic,’ says Mum.
They find a park and get out of the car.

Mum finds the food. Dad makes some sandwiches.
‘Cheese, please,’ says Anna.
‘Chicken and cheese and salad, please,’ says Tom.
Tom’s sandwich is big!
They get into the car. They drive and drive and drive. They see houses and shops. They see cows and sheep. 'I’m bored!' says Anna.

'Let's listen to music,' says Tom. 'Good idea!' says Anna.
They arrive in Upton.
‘Here’s the camping site!’ says Mum.

It’s sunny. The camping site is very nice.
Tom and Anna are happy.
‘I can see the sea!’ says Anna.
Dad looks at the roof. ‘Oh, no!’ he says.
‘Where’s the tent? It was on the roof!’
Match the sentences with the pictures.

1. Anna plays games in the car.
2. They find a park.
3. They have a picnic.
4. They listen to music.
5. They arrive at the camping site.
6. Dad looks at the roof.
Write the words.

happy \[\text{hungry}\] bored nice big

1. Tom is **hungry**.

2. Tom’s sandwich is ____________.

3. Anna is ____________.

4. The camping site is very ____________.

5. Tom and Anna are ____________.
'Let's find the tent,' says Dad. 'It's late,' says Mum. 'It's seven o'clock!' 'But where can we sleep?' asks Anna. 'I know,' says Dad. 'Let's make a shelter.' 'A shelter?' says Tom. 'What's that?' 'Look,' says Dad. Dad makes a shelter with sticks, stones and leaves. Anna, Tom and Mum help him. 'This is a great shelter!' says Tom. 'We can look for the tent tomorrow,' says Mum.
'Let's have dinner,' says Dad. 'We've got rice and fish.'
'Great!' says Tom. 'I like fish.'
'And I like rice,' says Anna.
'Where's the camping stove?' asks Mum.
'Oh, dear!' says Dad. 'It was on the roof!'
'Let's make a fire,' says Anna.
Anna and Tom make a fire. Mum helps them. Then Dad cooks the rice and fish on the fire. ‘Yum!’ says Tom. ‘I’m not hungry now!’ ‘It’s nine o’clock,’ says Mum. ‘It’s time to go to bed.’ ‘I’m tired,’ says Tom.
Tom and Anna put their sleeping mats and their sleeping bags in the shelter. ‘This is my bed,’ says Tom. ‘And this is my bed,’ says Anna. ‘I like my bed!’ They put on their pyjamas and go to bed.

‘Oh no, it’s raining!’ says Anna. But it’s OK. It’s wet outside, but it’s dry in the shelter.
Circle the correct words.

1. They make a [shelter / house] with sticks, stones and leaves.
3. Mum / Dad helps Anna and Tom to make a fire.
4. Dad cooks dinner on the [camping stove / fire].
5. They have [rice and chicken / rice and fish] for dinner.
6. Tom and Anna go to bed in their [sleeping bags / car].
7. It’s [wet / dry] outside the shelter.
8. Tom and Anna go to bed at [eight o’clock / nine o’clock].
Write the words.

fish  fire  tired  shelter  stove  dry

1. This is a great shelter!

2. I like

3. Where’s the camping?

4. Let’s make a

5. I’m

6. It’s in the shelter.
It's morning. It's sunny. Tom and Anna put on shorts and T-shirts.
‘Let’s go outside,’ says Anna.
They see a family – a boy, a man and a woman. They have got a big tent.

The boy sees Anna and Tom. He comes to their shelter.
‘Hello,’ he says. ‘I’m Sam.’
‘Hello, Sam,’ says Anna. ‘I’m Anna. And this is Tom.’
'Look,' says Sam. ‘That’s our tent.’
‘We haven’t got a tent,’ says Tom. ‘We’ve got a shelter! It’s made of sticks, stones and leaves.’
‘Wow! Can I look inside?’ asks Sam.

The children go into the shelter.
‘This is our bedroom,’ says Anna.
‘It’s a great shelter!’ says Sam.
‘Look, Mum and Dad,’ says Anna. ‘We’ve got a new friend! His name is Sam.’
‘Look, Mum and Dad,’ says Sam. ‘I’ve got two new friends! Their names are Anna and Tom.’

The mums and dads say hello.
‘What’s that?’ asks Anna.
‘It’s a tent,’ says Sam’s dad. ‘It was on the road!’
‘That’s our tent!’ says Dad.
‘And what’s that?’ asks Tom.
‘It’s a camping stove,’ says Sam’s mum. ‘It was on the road, too!’
‘That’s our camping stove!’ says Mum.
‘A shelter is fun,’ says Tom. ‘A shelter is better than a tent!’
‘And a fire is better than a camping stove!’ says Anna.
Tom and Anna play with Sam. They play football. They climb trees. They play in the shelter. They make sandcastles on the beach. They eat ice creams. They make dinner on the fire.

They stay for two days. Then it's time to go home. 'That was a great holiday!' says Anna.
Tick (✔) the correct words.

1. In the morning it’s ...
   a ✔ sunny.   b □ raining.

2. Sam is camping with his mum and ...
   a □ brother.   b □ dad.

3. The shelter is made of stones, sticks and ...
   a □ blankets.   b □ leaves.

4. Sam says the shelter is ...
   a □ boring   b □ great

5. Sam’s family find a tent ...
   a □ in the sea.   b □ on the road.

6. They make sandcastles and eat ...
   a □ ice cream.   b □ sandwiches.

7. Anna and Tom stay at the camping site for ...
   a □ two days.   b □ three days.
Crossword.

sunny  friend  football  sea

sandcastle  ice cream  tree  road

1. sandcastle
2. sea
3. tree
4. friend
5. sunny
6. football
7. road
8. ice cream
Find the things in the room. Then write the words.

1 Where’s the teddy?
The teddy is ________
the __________.

2 Where are the pyjamas?
The pyjamas are ________
the __________.

3 Where’s the sleeping bag?
The sleeping bag is ________
the __________.

4 Where’s the blanket?
The blanket is ________
the __________.
Play the speaking game. Add new words each time. How many can you remember?

I'm going camping.
I've got a tent.

I'm going camping.
I've got a tent and a sleeping mat.

I'm going camping.
I've got a tent and a sleeping mat and two T-shirts.
Design a shelter. Use these things. Draw your shelter and talk about it.

This is my shelter.
It's made of a table, a blanket and three chairs.

This is my shelter ...
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