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Scratch at the Tent

Reading level 5 (2nd grade) · 95 words

Mo and Lin were in a tent in the yard.

They had a lantern and two sleeping bags.

Scratch, scratch, scratch!

Something was at the side of the tent.

“Is it a bear?” whispered Mo.

“Dad!” called Lin. “Come quick!”

Dad came out with a flashlight.

He unzipped the tent very slowly.

There was a small, round hedgehog!

It looked up with shiny black eyes.

“Hedgehogs like to be left alone,” said Dad.

So they watched it quietly.

Then it walked off into the grass.

Mo and Lin lay down and smiled in the dark.

Questions

1. Where are Mo and Lin?

A. In a car
B. In a tent
C. In a boat

2. What is scratching?

A. A bear
B. A cat
C. A hedgehog

3. Who do they call?

A. Dad
B. A friend
C. Nobody

4. Why does Dad say to leave the hedgehog alone?

A. It is too big
B. Wild animals like to be left alone
C. It bites

5. What does quietly mean?

A. Very fast
B. Very high
C. Without much noise

Words to know

scratch: rub with a sharp point
unzipped: opened a zipper
hedgehog: a small spiky animal
quietly: without much noise

Answer key: Scratch at the Tent

1. B. In a tent
2. C. A hedgehog
3. A. Dad
4. B. Wild animals like to be left alone
5. C. Without much noise