

CAMPING OUT





Talk About It

Have you ever been camping? How is camping out different from living at home?



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Vocabulary

guaranteed	ease
supervise	scenery
frustrated	bundle
coordination	fused



Dictionary

A word can have many meanings. A **Dictionary** can help you decide which definition is appropriate. For example, *fused* can mean “made into a liquid by heating” or “blended together by melting.”

★★★ THE ★★★ BEST FOURTH OF JULY

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Dear Mom and Dad,

I hope you had a great Fourth of July. You can imagine what a big deal it was here at Camp Freedom. With a name like that, the camp really went all out to celebrate!

For weeks every cabin was working on a Fourth of July skit. Since all the girls in my cabin are super funny, our counselor **guaranteed** the other cabins we would have the funniest skit in camp. At first we were pretty casual about working on it. Then the days went by and no one had come up with a good idea. Our counselor, Jean, started getting worried. Finally, she decided she should **supervise** us and our ideas more closely. She went from cracking jokes with us to being bossy. We all felt **frustrated**. She kept telling us what to do and she would not listen to our ideas. In the end, we did a skit about the founder of the camp, Fannie Freedom. Hardly anyone laughed.

After the skits we had a cookout, complete with those yummy chocolate, marshmallow, and cracker things. Arranging everything on sticks involved a lot of **coordination**. The ingredients were sticky and hard to manage. I didn't poke my stick all the way through each marshmallow. As I would **ease** the stick into the fire, the marshmallows would fall off. I am surprised the fire didn't go out from all the marshmallows that fell in.

Later that day the counselors took us to the top of Lookaway Mountain. The **scenery** was amazing from up there. The hard part was we had to carry a large **bundle** of blankets tied together with some string. The big surprise at the end of the day was a fireworks display, which lit up the entire sky. On the way back to camp, Jean apologized to us for not listening to our ideas. We told her that we had fun anyway.



By the way, thank you for the package you sent me. Everything was really great. The jelly beans melted and **fused** together, but don't worry. That didn't affect the taste. My bunkmates and I ate them for a late night snack on July Fourth, and everyone agreed they were still delicious!

Love you all,
Lateesha

Reread for Comprehension



Monitor Comprehension

Make Judgments

A Judgments Chart helps you judge whether or not a character's actions are a good idea. This will help you monitor your comprehension or understanding of the character and the story. Use your Judgments Chart as you reread "The Best Fourth of July" to make judgments about Jean's actions.

Action	→	Judgment
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