



WEEKENDS

A camping weekend

Last weekend, five friends, Anna, Ben, Clara, David, and Emily went camping in the African bush. They were very excited. They packed their bags with food, water, warm clothes, and most importantly their **binoculars** to watch the wildlife.

On Friday afternoon, they drove to the bush. The road was long and **bumpy**, but the view was beautiful. They saw tall grasses, acacia trees, and the mighty Zambezi River. When they arrived, they put up their tents. It was hard work, but they helped each other. They then collected wood for a **campfire**. Ben and David made the fire while Anna, Clara, and Emily prepared dinner. They barbecued sausages and roasted tomato, onion, and cheese sandwiches on the fire. The food was delicious!

After dinner, they sat around the campfire and listened to the sounds of the bush. They heard lions roaring, hyenas laughing, and elephants trumpeting in the distance. The stars were bright in the sky. They felt excited and a little scared.

At four o'clock the next morning, they were awakened by the **chirping** of birds. Anna prepared coffee on the fire and the smell was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed breakfast and then went hiking. The **trail** was narrow and dusty. They saw many animals, like zebras, giraffes, and antelopes. The binoculars came in handy as they could watch the animals as they drank at the waterholes. They took lots of photos of the beautiful **scenery**. When they reached the top of a hill, they could see for kilometers. It was an amazing view.

In the afternoon, they went back to their campsite and saw one of Africa's most beautiful sites; **hippos** playing in the water. They spent 30 minutes looking at these huge and dangerous animals. In the evening, they made another campfire and cooked a lovely stew. They watched the sunset; the sky turned orange and pink. It was very peaceful.

On Sunday, they packed their bags and cleaned the campsite. They were tired but happy. They drove back home and talked about their next camping trip. The peace and tranquility of Africa is contagious. Next time, they might make it a long weekend!

Comprehension Questions

1. Who went camping in the African bush?
2. What did the friends pack in their bags?
3. When did they drive to the bush?
4. What did they see on the way to the bush?
5. Who made the fire, and who prepared dinner?
6. What did they hear after dinner around the campfire?
7. What woke them up at four o'clock the next morning?
8. What did Anna prepare on the fire in the morning?
9. What animals did they see during their hike?
10. What did they see in the afternoon when they returned to their campsite?

Vocabulary Match the Columns

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| 1. binoculars | a. narrow and dusty path |
| 2. bumpy | b. morning sound of birds |
| 3. campfire | c. to view distant objects |
| 4. chirping | d. excitement and a little fear |
| 5. trail | e. delicious smell of coffee |
| 6. scenery | f. huge and dangerous animals |
| 7. hippos | g. rough road |
| 8. stew | h. beautiful view |
| 9. excited | i. to slowly cook a soup-like food |
| 10. wonderful | j. barbecue and stew cooking |

Answer the questions:

1. Have you ever camped in the wild? When and where?
2. Would you like to go camping in Africa?
3. Are you good at starting a fire?
4. Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire?
5. Have you seen any animals in the wild?
6. What animals have you seen in the wild?

Teacher's Key

1. Anna, Ben, Clara, David, and Emily went camping in the African bush.
2. They packed food, water, warm clothes, and binoculars.
3. They drove to the bush on Friday afternoon.
4. They saw tall grasses, acacia trees, and the mighty Zambezi River.
5. Ben and David made the fire, while Anna, Clara, and Emily prepared dinner.
6. They heard lions roaring, hyenas laughing, and elephants trumpeting.
7. The chirping of birds awakened them.
8. Anna prepared coffee on the fire in the morning.
9. They saw zebras, giraffes, and antelopes.
10. They saw hippos playing in the water.

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