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The Camping Trip

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"That dog needs to stay home," Dad told Ian. They were about to go camping.

"But Sir Wags-a-Lot is family, too," Ian said.

So, in the end, Sir Wags-a-Lot went camping too. They hiked in the woods for hours.

Ian felt tired but his dog wasn't.

"Sir Wags-a-Lot, stay!" Ian cried.

But Sir Wags-a-Lot kept running ahead.

"Where is that dog going?" Dad panted. "I told you he should've stayed home."

Sir Wags-a-Lot stopped in a clearing.

"This looks like a good spot to put up our tent," Dad said. "Good boy, Sir Wags-a-Lot."

Ian helped Dad set up the tent.

Dad looked up at the purple sky. "It's getting dark. I need to make a campfire. We need to find some sticks."

They looked for some sticks. Ian picked up some fat sticks.

Then Ian saw a thin, long stick on the ground. "That will be good for roasting marshmallows!"

Sir Wags-a-Lot barked at the stick. Then he started chasing it.

The stick raced away. It wasn't a stick at all.

"A snake!" Ian cried.

"That could've bitten you," Dad said. "It's a good thing Sir Wags-a-Lot is here."



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2. Ian saw a long, thin stick.

What did he want to do with it? _____

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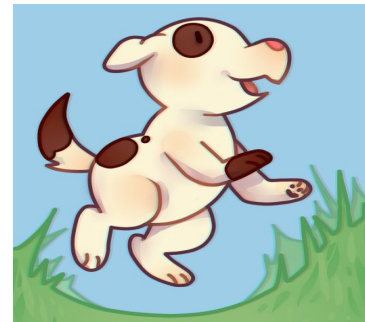
4. At the end of the story, Ian's dad was glad they brought Sir Wags-a-Lot. Why?

- a. Sir Wags-a-Lot was fun to play with.
- b. Sir Wags-a-Lot helped gather wood for the campfire.
- c. Sir Wags-a-Lot helped to protect them.
- d. Sir Wags-a-Lot helped them find many wild animals.

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| 2. woods | • | • took deep breaths; breathed heavily |
| 3. panted | • | • walked |
| 4. tent | • | • place with trees |
| 5. roasting | • | • soft, white snack made from sugar |
| 6. marshmallows | • | • place to sleep when camping |

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In the story titled, "The Camping Trip," Ian, his dad, and his dog go camping. They hike through the woods, build a campfire, and sleep in a tent.

Imagine you are planning a camping trip. What things would you take with you? Write a paragraph in which you describe what you would pack.



Answer Key

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What did he want to do with it? **He wanted to use it to roast marshmallows.**

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It was not really a stick. It was a snake. The dog barked at it and chased the snake away.

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