



# Off to Camp

Early Reader No. 57

Story by Jennifer Cooper-Trent  
Illustrations by Anthony Mitchell

© The Early Reading Company.  
[www.early-reading.com](http://www.early-reading.com)

No part of this Publication can be reproduced without a license



Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 1a

## Combinations

Encourage the child to read with expression, rather than simply narrating.  
Help the reader use the "speaking marks" to "become the voice" of the other person.

This story contains numerous abbreviations. Explain them to the reader.

## Abbreviation

I'd - as in the phrase 'I would ...'  
I'm - as in the phrase 'I am ...'  
there's - as in the phrase 'there is ...'  
don't - as in the phrase 'do not...'

## Try These New Words

adventure collapsed scared rather  
I would I'd I am I'm there is there's  
do not don't would not wouldn't



We went to camp with a tent and a lamp ... Dad said "he wouldn't stay if it was cold and damp".



Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 2a



We put up the tent and pegged it to the ground.  
" I hope it stays up" said Dad, with a frown.

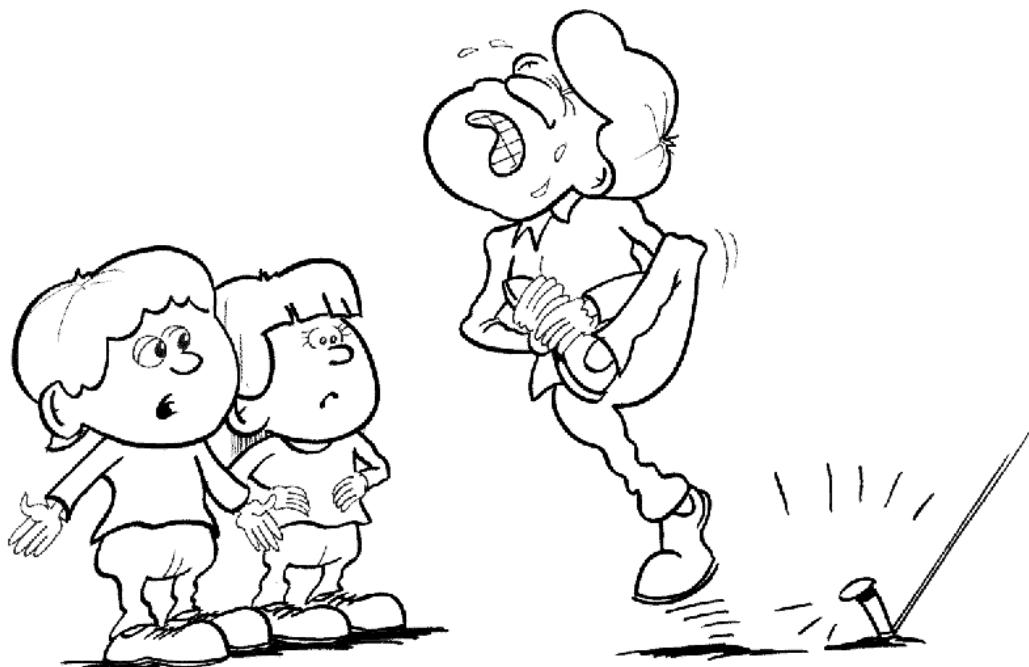


Dad said, "are you sure there's no big spiders, hiding nearby?"

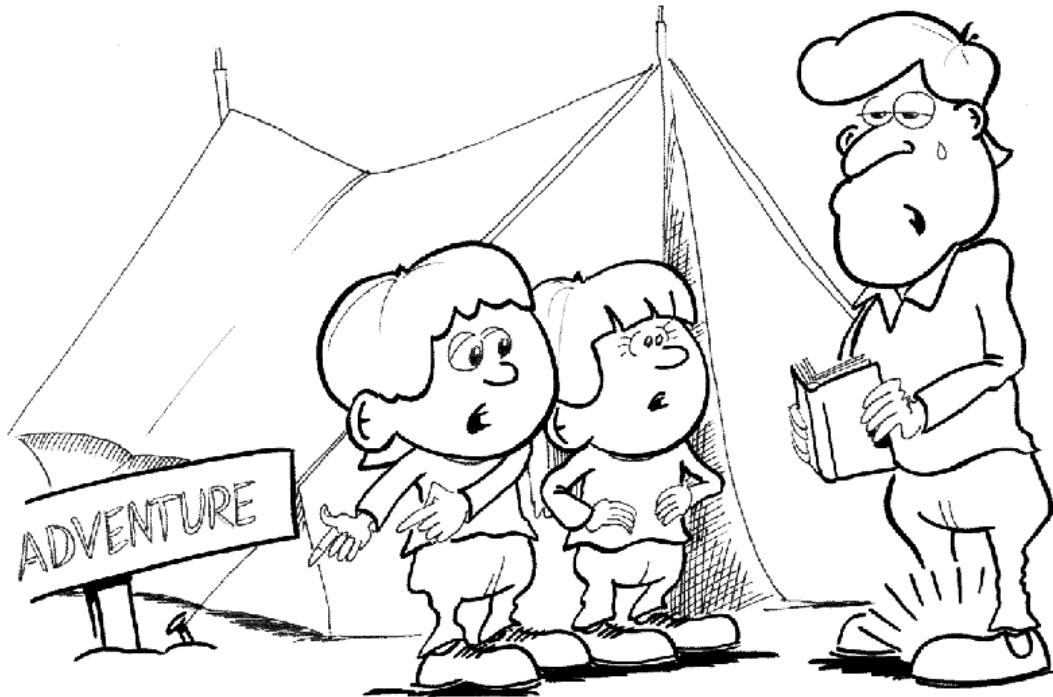


Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 3a



We all laughed, "Come on Dad, don't be a wimp". But then he kicked his toe and started to limp.



Dad grumbled, "I'm going to rest  
and read my book".



Cut 'n  
Staple

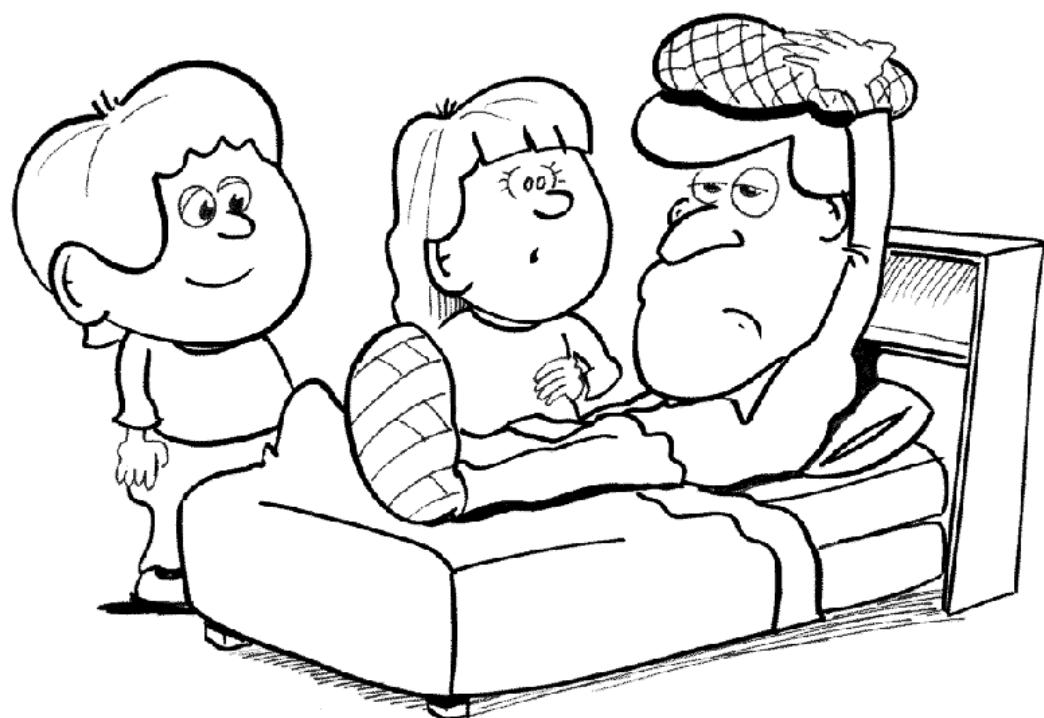
Page 4a



Next we heard a crash, bang and a thump.  
Dad was holding his head - Gosh, what a lump!



The tent had collapsed with Dad inside ... the rope  
had come loose from where it was tied.



"I know I'm a wimp," said Dad, holding his head.  
"But with this limp and this lump,  
I'd rather be in bed".

## Extra Words

cause because pause scores  
cared scared scored

## Comprehension

1. What did they take to camp?
2. What was Dad scared of?
3. What did the children want to do?
4. Why did the tent collapse?
5. What happened to Dad?

Parents : download stories from [www.early-reading.com](http://www.early-reading.com),  
or get the 'hi-rez' CD version with 60 stories, worksheets and more.  
Educators : apply for a license to reproduce the stories for your students.  
Contact mail@early-reading.com



Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 6a

Complete the sentences with these words.

Dad, wimp, tent, lamp.

We went to camp with a \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_. We said, "Come  
on, \_\_\_\_, don't be a \_\_\_\_\_. "