



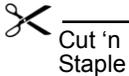
Off to Camp

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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



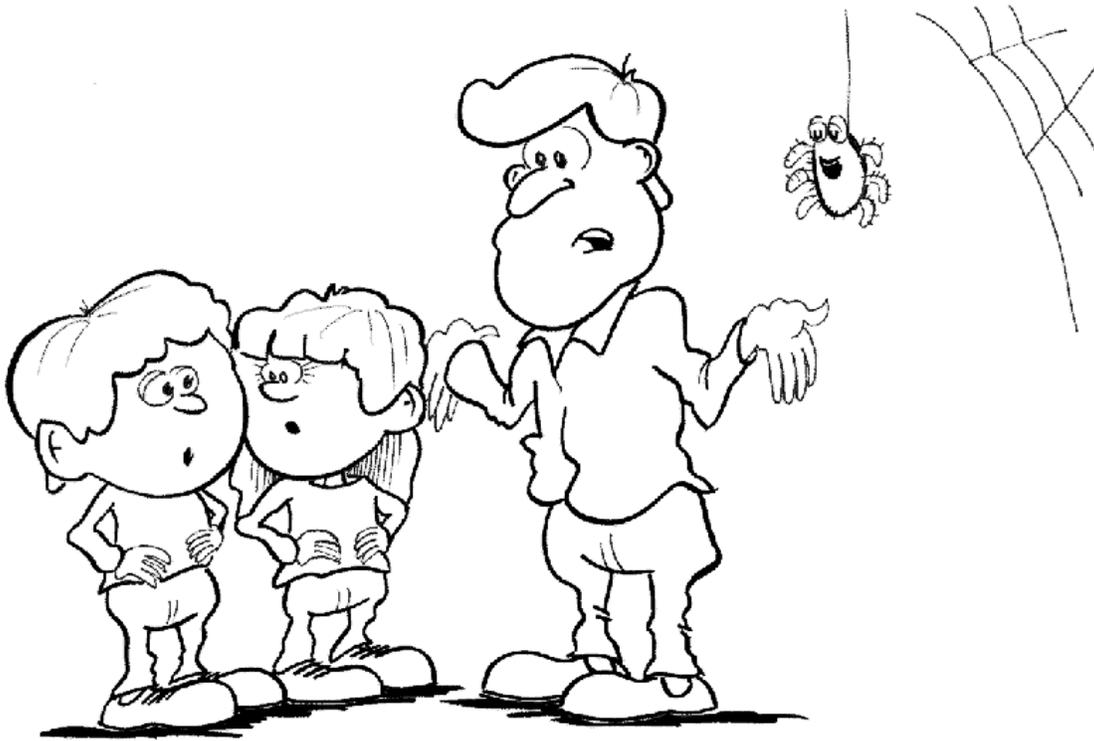
We went to camp with a tent and a lamp ... Dad said he wouldn't stay if it was cold and damp.

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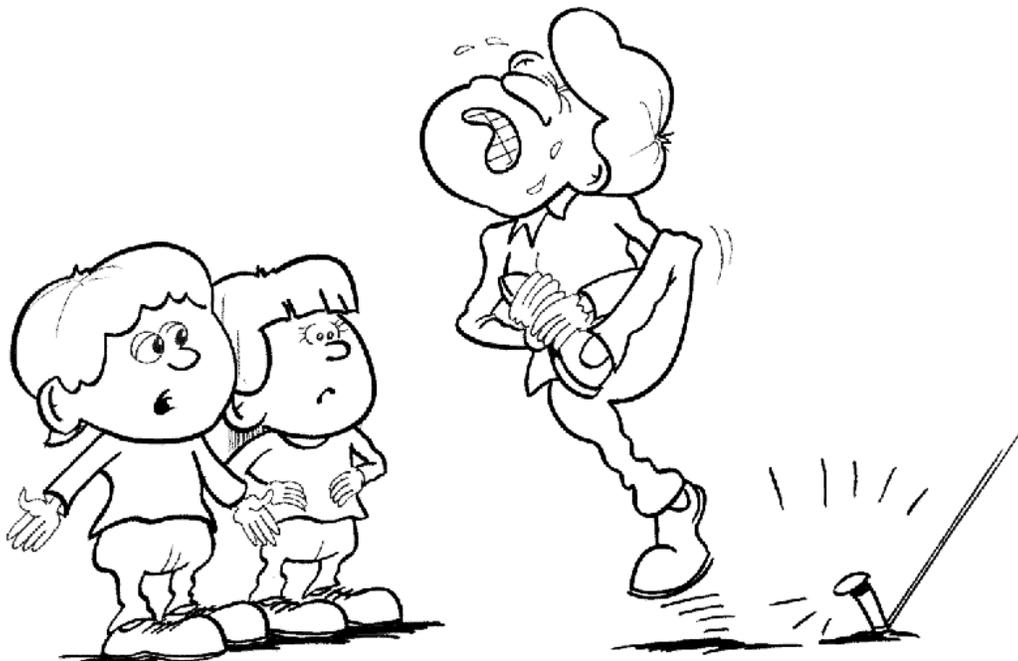
We put up the tent and pegged it to the ground.
"I hope it stays up" said Dad, with a frown.



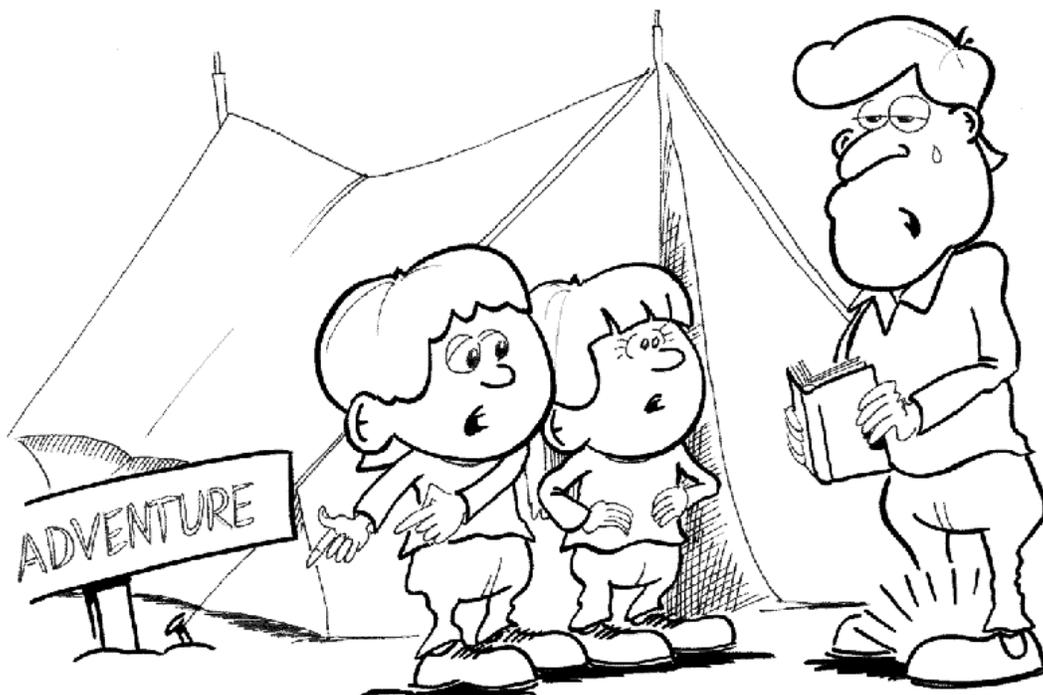
Dad said, "Are you sure there's no big spiders hiding nearby?"

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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".

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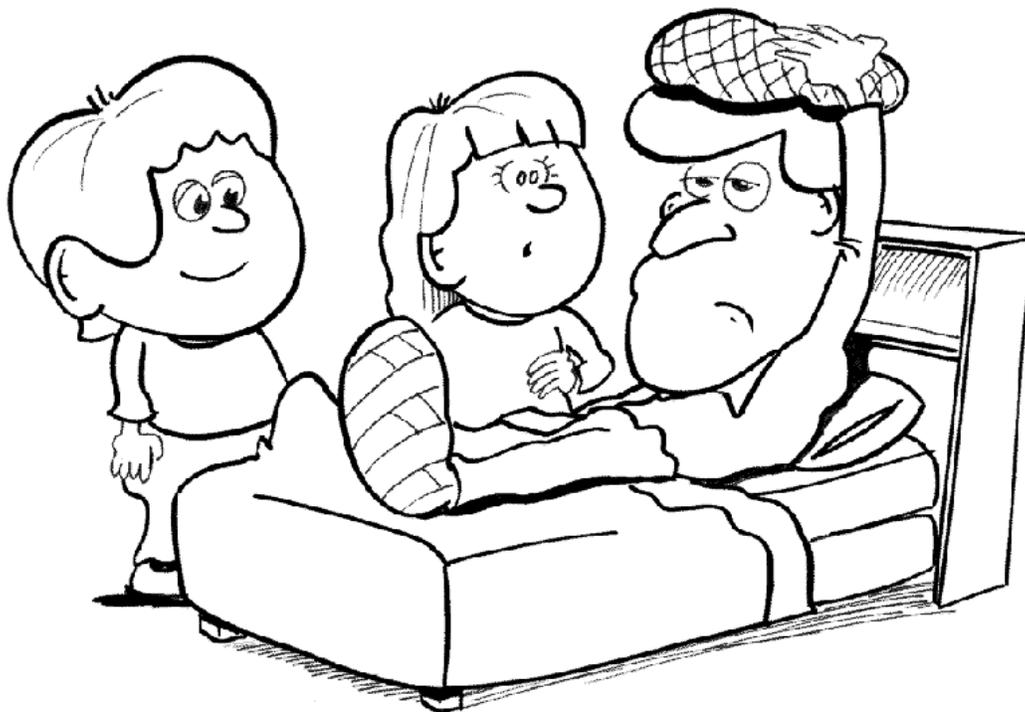
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Next we heard a crash, bang and a thump.
Dad was holding his head - Gosh, what a lump!



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?



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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 _____".