

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Race Against the Rain

Zelda and Paul went camping with their mom and dad. They brought along their dog, Doodad. The family had so much fun hiking and playing in the woods all day that they didn't notice the storm clouds gathering in the sky. At last they realized that if they didn't act soon, they were going to get very, very wet. They rushed back to their campsite and set to work.

Each member of the family helped. Paul put away the leftovers from lunch. He checked the backpacks to make sure there were enough warm clothes for everyone to take into the tent. He gathered flashlights and a lantern. Zelda raked pine needles into a pile, then spread them out evenly to make the ground soft in the place where the tent would go. Then, Mom, Dad, Zelda, and Paul worked together to put up their tent. Even Doodad did his part. He danced around in circles, barking, reminding everyone to hurry. The rain is on its way! The rain is coming!

Finally, after all the backpacks and supplies had been put into the tent, they all crawled inside. Just as Paul zipped the tent flap closed, they heard a thunderclap. A few seconds later, it started to rain outside. Dad unrolled the sleeping bags. Zelda turned on the lantern. Then, they took turns telling stories. After that, no one said anything for a while. They just listened to the rain going thwap! thwap! thwap! against their tent. Then, one by one, Paul, Zelda, Mom, Dad, and Doodad fell asleep.

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1. The problem in this story is that
 - a. they realize they shouldn't have brought Doodad
 - b. Paul and Zelda both want to put up the tent
 - c. Zelda is afraid of rainstorms
 - d. it is going to rain and the campsite isn't ready

2. The problem in the story is solved because
 - a. everybody takes turns telling stories
 - b. Doodad warns them that it is going to rain
 - c. everyone rushes to get the campsite ready
 - d. they leave the campsite and go to a motel

3. How do you know that the problem is solved at the end of the story?
