

## Reading Lesson

## A2 Services: The Great Outdoors?

## Reading

Read the blog about camping. How has camping changed in recent years?

## The Great Outdoors?

July 23, 2020

Ten years ago, my family and I went camping. It rained. It was so windy we almost lost our tent. We were cold. And unhappy. Even the dog was unhappy. And we wanted to go home. "When can we go home, Mommy?" asked my son, Daniel, age three. His fingers were blue. "On Friday," I said. It was Monday. Only four more nights to go. I think I cried.

Today, we are going camping for a week. Well, actually, not camping—we are going "glamping." Even the word makes me smile. It's a beautiful word. Half *glamorous*, half *camping*. This is going to be very different. For a start, there is a big tent. But we don't pitch the tent. It's ready and waiting for us when we arrive. It has beds. And a shower. And hot and cold water. There is a refrigerator so we can eat fresh food. There are forests, and mountains, and a walking trail, and a children's playground. It's going to be very different from our experience 10 years ago. I'm excited!

July 26, 2020

What an amazing day! We swam in the river, sang songs around the fire, ate hot dogs, and saw lots of animals. It's perfect here. Daniel is very happy. I'm happy because I can relax. This is the biggest difference for me. Camping is hard work. It makes you tired. You have to pack and unpack lots of bags: bags of clothes, food, beds, plates, shoes, pans, etc. But glamping is easy because they provide all the essential things for you. That means you have time to do the things you love about camping—being in a beautiful, green space and relaxing.

July 30, 2020

We are packing our bags again. We're leaving in the morning. I'm so glad I tried glamping. It's fun. The children loved it. The adults loved it. The dog (a different dog!) loved it. Why don't you try it? Things have changed. Just don't forget the insect repellent!

**glamping** (n): a type of camping where you stay in a comfortable tent with furniture and beds

**insect repellent** (n): a liquid that stops insects coming near you



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### Vocabulary

Complete the definitions with words from the box.

essential   glamorous   pitch   provide   shower

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v): to make a tent ready for use
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (adj): necessary; very important
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (n): a piece of equipment in a bathroom that you stand under to wash your body
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (v): to make available something that someone wants or needs
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (adj): attractive and interesting in an exciting way

### Comprehension

Write examples of the following things from the text.

1. Two things that happened the first time the family went camping.  
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2. Three things that the writer says they have inside their tent when they went glamping.  
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3. Four things that the writer says they have in the area outside their tent when they went glamping.  
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4. Four things that the writer says they have done on their glamping trip.  
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5. One example of what not to forget when you go glamping.  
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### Thinking

Would you prefer camping or glamping? Why?