

"We will go camping in the backyard!" said Kim and Pat. "It will be fun."

They packed snacks in a backpack. They put games in a box. Then they got the sleeping bags and a lamp. Kim and Pat went to the backyard.



Dad went to the backyard with Kim and Pat. He was helping them put up the tent when Nate came. "What is this?" asked Nate.

"We are camping in the backyard," said Kim.

"Could I camp with you?" asked Nate.

"Camping is just for girls this time," said Kim and Pat.





Nate's lips made a sly grin. "What if something scares you? Who will help?" asked Nate.

"We will be fine," said Kim.

Dad checked the tent. "Have fun camping," Dad said.
Then Dad and Nate went inside.

The girls went into the tent with the sleeping bags, backpack, box, and a lamp. They are snacks from the backpack. They got the games from the box and had fun.

"It is time to sleep," said Kim. The girls got into the sleeping bags and went to sleep.







## THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

The girls woke up.
"Did you hear that?" asked Pat.

"I think Nate is trying to trick us," said Kim.

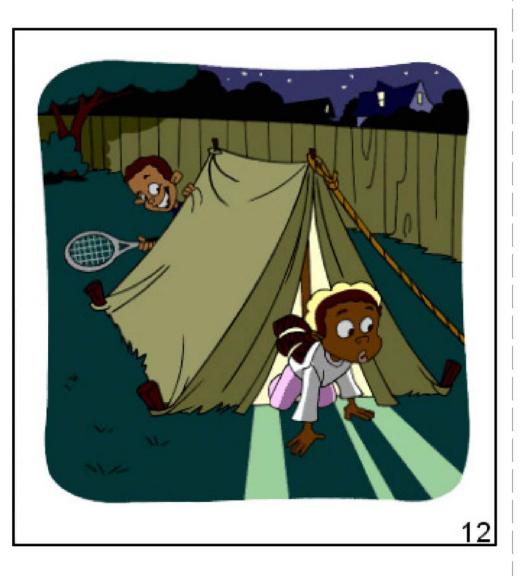


## THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

The tent was rocking. Something was bumping into it. Kim peeked from the tent, but she did not see a thing.



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## THUMP! THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!



The girls picked up the lamp and ran inside. They peeked to see if Nate was sleeping.

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Nate was sleeping in his bed. Kim and Pat left. They did not see the sly grin on Nate's face. He had tricked the girls! Skills: Cause and Effect Review: Inflected Endings (-ed, -ing)