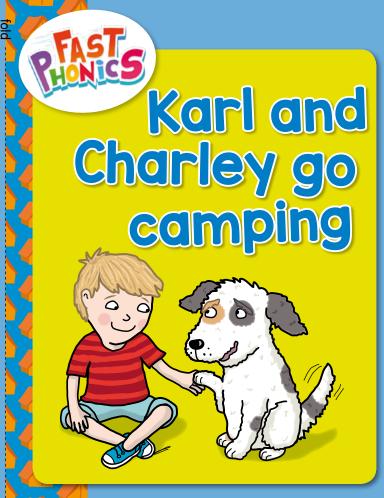


Karl is in such a good mood. He and Charley are camping at Nan and Pop's farm. Oh no! Plip ... plop ... drip ... drop. Rain!



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The grass is a river of mud, but Karl must secure the tent pegs. A big drop of rain lands on him.

"This is looking grim," sighs Karl with a frown.



Charley can lend a hand. Karl tells her to drag a sleeping bag into the tent. It will be a soft bed to sleep on.

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It was a hard task, but the tent is up at last. Now it is dusk so Karl can slip into his sleeping bag. Charley curls up with him. The sun has set and all is still. Karl sighs and soon, he and Charley sink into sleep.

# **Focus Questions**

Where is Karl camping?

Why does Charley growl?

How does Karl secure the tent?

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"Oh no!" wails Karl as he hears rain burst on top of the tent. A gust of wind rips the tent flap up. Charley runs out and barks. "The storm might bring the tent down!" yells Karl. "I must be quick!"



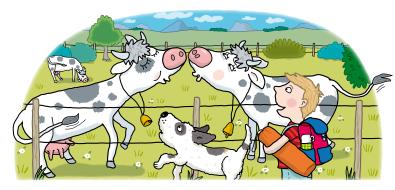
The storm is passing at last. They can just hear the soft drip-drop of rain on the roof. Karl is glad he is camping with Charley. It is snug in the tent and soon Karl and Charley are fast asleep.

Goodnight, sleep tight!

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Karl is in such a good mood. He and Charley will be camping for the night at Nan and Pop's farm. Karl cannot wait to sleep under the moon in his tent. It will be good to hear just the soft 'moo' of cows in the paddock.

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Pit...pat...drip...drop.

What is that?

Charley's growl is soft as Karl sits up in his bed.

Plip...plop...drip...drop.

Rain!



### Buzzzzzzzzzz.

What is that? Karl can hear Charley growl and he sits up.

#### Buzzzzzzzzzz.

Karl puts on the light. An insect has come under the tent flap. It is a little pest and a BIG problem! The insect has a sharp sting. It zips past Karl's ear. Buzzzzzzzzzzzz.



Karl has the perfect spot to put up the tent. It is near the tree on the grass. He gets the hammer for the pegs.

BANG! BANG! BANG!



Back in the tent, Karl grabs a towel. He rubs his hair and gets back into his sleeping bag. Charley curls up with him. They wait for the wind and rain to stop.

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Poor Karl lets out a groan. He will not rest if the insect is in the tent. He needs to clap his hands and yell at the pest. "Shoo! Shoo!"



Has this insect lost the fight? Yes! It zooms off into the night. Karl sighs and gets back into bed. He turns off the light.