

LAUGH AND LEARN

SUMMER CAMPING



What I like about camping is you can get really dirty. Either you're all by yourself, so no one else sees you, or everyone you're with is just as dirty as you are, so nobody cares. Boy Scout

Fill in the blanks below with words from this box:

tent	roast	river
set	hiking	sleeping bags
campfire	fishing	mosquitoes
marshmallows	lake	bug spray
itch	axe	chop
fresh	pollution	campsite
sing	tell	cooler

Camping

When the weather starts to get warm, many families like to experience the _____ air of the country away from the _____ of the city. They pack up their _____ and a _____ full of food and head out to the woods near a body of water such as a _____ or a _____. After arriving at the _____, the first thing to do is _____ up the _____.

The Campfire

At night, people sit around the _____ and _____ scary stories or _____ songs. Somebody has to _____ wood for the fire. To do this, they'll need an _____. If anybody gets hungry, they can _____ hotdogs or _____ over the fire.

Camping activities

One thing people like to do in the woods is put on their boots and go _____. Another thing they like to do is grab a rod, some hooks, and some worms and go _____.



Bugs

One of the worst things about camping is the _____ . If they bite you, you will _____ badly. That's why it's important to put _____ on when you are in the woods.

Pronunciation of regular past tense words. If the word ends in...

[1] **t or d**, the past tense suffix -ed is pronounced [ɪd]. Two syllable word

[2] **b, v, w, m, n, l, r, z, y, g**, the past tense suffix -ed is pronounced [d]. One syllable word

[3] **p, f, s, sh, k, x** the past tense suffix -ed is pronounced [t]. One syllable word

Roasted is two syllables, pronounced roast-id

Polluted is two syllables, pronounced pollut-id

Headed is two syllables, pronounced head-ed

Sprayed is one syllable, pronounced sprayd

Arrived is one syllable, pronounced arrivd

Grabbed is one syllable, pronounced grabd

Opened is one syllable, pronounced opend

Fished is one syllable, pronounced fisht

Itched is one syllable, pronounced Itcht

Packed is one syllable, pronounced pakt

Hiked is one syllable, pronounced hikt

Camped is one syllable, pronounced campt

Chopped is one syllable, pronounced chopt



While camping in the Quaker Run area of Allegany State Park, NY, there are always numerous bear sightings. During a hike, I came across a lot of trash behind our cabin. Discouraged at how anyone could spoil this beautiful land, I went back to the cabin to get a garbage bag. As my daughter and I were cleaning up, we came across a lot of pop cans. None were opened from the top, but they all had a large gash right down the side through the aluminum. It was then we realized we were picking up bear trash! It made the task much more interesting. [by Lynn Batt, Lockport, NY]

ENGLISH CAMP



Laugh and Learn readers are invited to English Camp, 24-31 July. Mr. Dan thinks that L&L readers are the ideal campers.

English Camp is for university and high school students 15 years old or above...or... families also come to camp and these may bring children younger than 15. First year campers come for the experience of learning and practicing English with native Americans, and also for the full camp experience of sports, crafts, enjoying nature, music and campfires, and many laughs. Many will come to English Camp for the second, third or fourth year, and these come to also see

their camp friends, both Czech and American friends.

Each camper is in a group of 6-10 at the same level of English comprehension. The mornings involve practice in English with activities and programs in the afternoon and evenings. American teachers and Czech translators are provided in everything. Many claim that this camp is the best week of their summer...or life.

The cost for this full week of camp is very low. To see pictures of the last three English Camps and to learn more about signing up for camp, click on the first link.

THE LINKS:

English Camp Fotogalerie and Information

<http://www.eclitomysl.cz/>

How to Choose a Backpacking Tent

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UT_Ic4XZ6_k

Funny...Jim Gaffigan – Camping and bacon

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qle-vjHoQa4>

Camping Tips: Respecting Nature

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0XqDUIGTRw>

Arctic Painting and Camping #30. To see more of these videos, change the #30 to a higher or lower number and hit enter

<http://www.viddler.com/explore/CoryTrepanier/videos/30/>

ROYAL SECRET

ROYAL SECRET – ENGLISH CAMP 2010



THE LAUGH:

Elementary, My Dear Watson

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?"

Watson ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Timewise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent."

A camp leader saw a camper sitting alone. 'Why don't you play with your friends?' he asked. 'Because I only have one friend,' the girl replied. 'And I hate her.'

Camper: There's a leak over my bunk!

Camp leader: Don't complain. It only leaks when it rains.

Camp leader: A camper just swallowed a pen. What should I do?

Camp Doctor: Use a pencil.

Camp leader: Jake, why did you put that snake in Annie's bed?

Jake: Because I couldn't find a frog!

At the end of camp, Julie won the prize for neatest trunk. Her mother was amazed. 'How did your suitcase get so neat?' she asked her messy daughter.

'It was easy,' said Julie. 'I just never unpacked!'

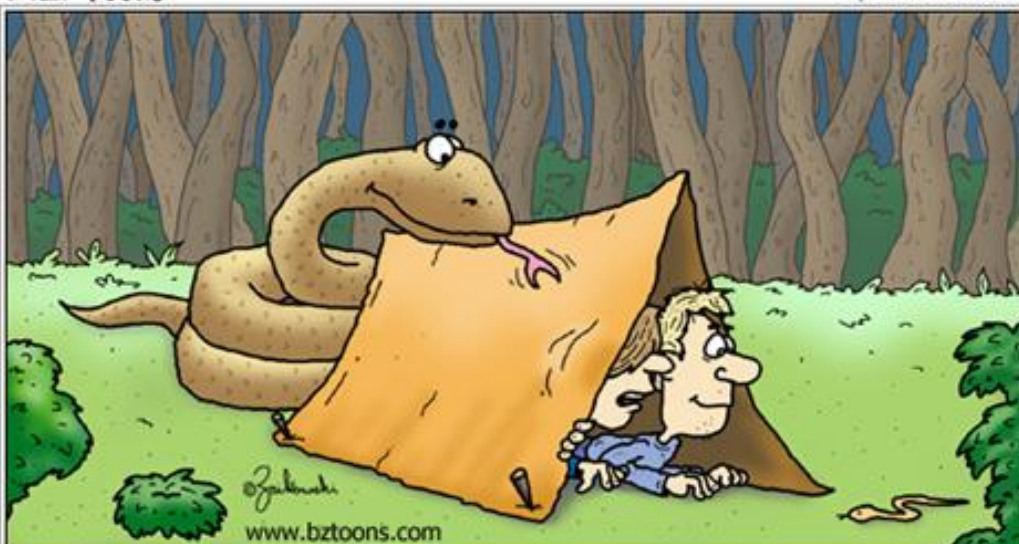
A New York boy was being led through the swamps of Louisiana by his cousin.

"Is it true that an alligator won't attack you if you carry a flashlight?"

The cousin replied, "It depends on how fast you carry the flashlight."

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



Oh yuk, a snake! I hope they don't get any bigger than that.



Camping Teamwork

The loaded minivan pulled into the only remaining campsite. Four children leaped from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tent.

The boys rushed to gather firewood, while the girls and their mother set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marveled to the youngsters' father, "Sir, that is some display of teamwork." The father replied, "I have a system; no one goes to the WC until the camp is set up."

FIND THE HIDDEN PICTURES

