

**STD 3 NATIONAL LEARNING ASSESSMENT**  
**MENTOR TEXT – BOOKLET 8**

**OUTDOOR CAMPING**

Last weekend, my family and I went on a super exciting camping trip in the woods near Blanchisseuse! It was my first time sleeping in a tent, in the middle of nowhere, so, of course, I was a little nervous. I went with my older sister, Maya, my little brother, Sam, and of course, my mom and dad.

When we got to the campsite, which was a little clearing surrounded by tall, leafy trees, the first thing we did was set up our tent. It looked a bit complicated at first, with all the poles and ropes. Dad showed Maya and me how to put the poles together, and Mom helped Sam hold the tent steady as we put it up. It was like building a big house puzzle.

After the tent was ready, we went for a walk deeper into the woods, in search of a pond that dad said he fished with his dad when he was our age. At one point during our walk, an iguana ran across Maya's foot, and she nearly died. I'm sure all the animals hidden in the forest heard my laughter. When we got to the pond, dad showed us how to find earthworms, which was going to be our bait for fishing. We sat by a pond and fished for a few hours. I was really exciting because we were the only ones at the pond, and the fishes didn't know we were there to find dinner. They were biting!

A few hours later as it started to get dark, we went back to our campsite. Mom and dad started a small campfire, and we all sat around it, telling stories and roasting fish. Maya even told a spooky story that made Sam hide behind Mom.

Finally, it was time to go to sleep in our tent. It felt a little strange sleeping on the ground, even with our sleeping bags, but it was also kind of adventurous. We told each other goodnight and listened to the sounds of the forest outside. It was much noisier than expected with all the crickets chirping and the wind rustling the leaves, but it was also kind of peaceful.

In the morning, the sun peeked through the trees, and the birds were singing. We had breakfast outside, packed up our tent and all our things, and then hiked back to the car. Even though sleeping in a tent was a new experience, and it was a little bit bumpy, I had so much fun camping with my family in the woods. I can't wait to go again!

