

Unit 1

Before reading



Decoding the text

Text type	Aim	Feature
Web article	To give information	Subheadings



Activity

Predicting content

Read the excerpt of the text in this unit and answer the questions.

[1] Do you feel bored with your everyday life? Do you want to do something enthralling? Camping is definitely for you! Here are some fun things to do while camping.



Notice which sentence states the main idea of the text.

1. Put a tick (✓) next to the theme of the text.

boredom

adventure

camping

2. Which sentence would you write in the last paragraph of this text? Circle the letter.

A. Start planning your adventure for the weekend! You won't regret it!

B. What better time is there to build a campfire than at night?

C. Or you could always slip on your bathing suit and have fun in the water.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.outdoors.com/camp/guides_01. The navigation menu includes Home, Guides, Gear, and Blog. Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are visible. The main content area features a large, colorful title: "FUN THINGS TO DO WHILE CAMPING". The background image shows a tent pitched on a grassy field near a lake with trees in the background. A small white bird icon is positioned near the bottom right of the title.

[1] Do you feel bored with your everyday life? Do you want to do something enthralling? Camping is definitely for you! Here are some fun things to do while camping.

Explore nature

5 [2] Many locations provide easy access to forests nearby. You can watch birds and gather berries and fallen leaves on the ground. If your campsite is near a lake, try boating or kayaking. Or, you can always slip on your bathing suit and have fun in the water.

Play group games

- 10 [3] 'Tug of War', 'Capture the Flag' and 'Hide and Seek' are great for releasing pent-up energy outside. The first one tests your strength, while the second and last ones involve a lot of running and chasing. All of them can be a quick and simple turnaround or a long battle.

Gather around the campfire

- 15 [4] Some campers would go to bed early. However, this does not mean you have to follow them. What better time is there to build a blazing campfire than when the night falls? Don't forget to try out the must have sing-along campfire songs.

Gaze at the stars

- 20 [5] If you go camping in summer and it happens to be a cloudy day, don't be upset. Summer skies often look hazier than they do in winter. Be prepared to be amazed by the vast number of stars.

Tell stories

- 25 [6] Google 'campfire stories' and you will find stories for different age groups. Download one of the scary campfire stories for older kids, or an interesting story for younger kids. Use props like glow sticks to make your story more effective for listeners.

- [7] Now that you have so many ideas about camping, it will be nearly impossible to feel your next outdoor adventure is dull. The options are limited only by your imagination. Start planning your adventure for the weekend! You won't regret it!



After reading

Answer the following questions using information from the text.

1. Which of the following is closest in meaning to 'enthraling' in line 2?

- A. boring
- B. interesting
- C. tiring
- D. changing

2. Which meaning represents the word 'access' in line 5?

access *verb*

- 1. to get information, especially when using a computer
- 2. to open a file on a computer

access *noun*

- 3. the way of getting near a place or person
- 4. the opportunity to use something

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

3. Complete the note sheet below.

Getting close to nature

- bird-watching
- collecting (i) _____ and _____
- swimming
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____

4. What does 'them' in line 12 refer to?

- A. campers
- B. 'Tug of War', 'Capture the Flag' and 'Hide and Seek'
- C. running and chasing
- D. battles

5. The writer thinks campfire songs are an _____ part of a campfire experience.

- A. unusual
- B. important
- C. exciting
- D. attractive

6. According to paragraph 5, winter is a better season for stargazing because the sky is much _____.
- A. clearer
 - B. lower
 - C. higher
 - D. darker
7. Readers can find campfire stories _____.
- A. in guides
 - B. on websites
 - C. in magazines
 - D. in comics
8. Which word from paragraph 7 means the same as 'almost'?
- A. many
 - B. nearly
 - C. next
 - D. only

Reading strategies

Understanding unfamiliar words

★ Refer to question 2



We can guess the meaning of a word by identifying its **1 part of speech** and looking at **2 the words nearby**.

[2] Many locations provide **easy access to** forests nearby.

1 Here 'access' functions as a **noun**.

2 The adjective 'easy' and the preposition 'to' suggest that it is easy to go to the forests nearby.

Can you make a connection between 'go' and 'access'? **1** and **2** hint that 'access' means a way of getting near a place.





Reading rocket

Parts of speech (I)

1. Telling parts of speech from word endings

Part of speech	Common word endings	Examples
Noun	-ion, -er, -or, -ar	option, camper
Verb	-ate, -ise	exercise
Adjective	-ive, -able, -ful	effective
Adverb	-ly	definitely

2. Telling parts of speech from word combinations

Adjective + Noun	e.g. <u>fun</u> things
Verb + Noun	e.g. <u>use</u> props
Verb + Adverb	e.g. go to bed <u>early</u>

Mini task

Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words. Put a tick (✓) in the correct boxes.

	Verb	Adverb	Adjective
1. You can watch birds and <u>gather</u> berries and fallen leaves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. What better time is there to build a <u>blazing</u> campfire than when the night falls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The options are limited <u>only</u> by your imagination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answer
1. Verb 2. Adjective 3. Adverb