



Camping

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

campfire	A small outdoor fire for warmth or cooking.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Every night, they would gather around the campfire.</i>

campsite	A place where people on holiday/vacation can put up their tents, park their camper, etc., often with a water supply, toilets, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: This looks like a perfect place for the campsite.</i>

hike	To go for a long walk in the country, especially for pleasure.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Nina is preparing to hike the Appalachian Trail.</i>



insect repellent	A product containing chemicals that you spray into the air or on your body in order to keep insects away.
[noun]	<i>Ex: If you're planning to go on a trip, don't forget to bring insect repellent.</i>

marshmallow	A white or colored sweet that feels soft and spongy when you chew it.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Let's warm up around the fire and roast some marshmallows.</i>

one step at a time	Doing something slowly and carefully, without being careless or in a hurry.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Don't panic, just go one step at a time.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Chris: Emily, could you pass me the insect repellent, please?

Emily: Hang on, my marshmallow is just starting to get crispy.

Chris: Hurry up, I'm getting eaten alive by mosquitos!

Emily: One step at a time, Chris! I don't want to burn my marshmallow. There you go.

Chris: Thanks. Our campsite is too close to the lake. That's why there are so many bugs bothering us.

Emily: Just get down into your sleeping bag like me. Then the bugs can't find you.

Chris: I was hoping the smoke from the campfire would keep them away.

Emily: You're out of luck, Chris! By the way, look at the stars, they're absolutely captivating.



Chris: Yeah, they are! I think tomorrow we should pack up our campsite and hike into the mountains.

Emily: I don't know... I'd prefer to stay near the lake. I don't know if I'm fit enough to hike up a mountain.

Chris: You'll be fine. I've hiked up these mountains with people who were less fit than you.

Emily: Won't it be too cold to sleep up in the mountains, Chris?

Chris: It will be colder, but we have good equipment. My tent is warm enough for those mountains.

Emily: Okay! You've convinced me. I can't argue with that one.

Chris: Great! We'll get up at first light tomorrow and head for the hills!

Emily: Sounds good. But in the meantime, let's have more marshmallows.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

marshmallows

campfire

campsite

hike

insect repellent

one step at a time

1. We were sitting near the _____ when we heard the noise!
2. He wanted to rush through the job, but I told him to take it _____.
3. Why don't we toast some _____ over the fire?
4. Mosquitoes are kept at bay by the slow-burning of an _____.
5. The _____ is in a beautiful location next to the beach.
6. Do you want to _____ up this mountain with me, David?



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You want to go camping with your friend Megan. Ask her to come with you and remind her to bring the insect repellent with her. The teacher can be Megan.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Have you ever been camping? Why? Why not?
2. Is camping popular in your country? Why? Why not?
3. Do you use insect repellent at home in the summer? Why? Why not?
4. Have you ever eaten a marshmallow? If so, what was it like?
5. Can camping be frightening? When?