

**Graded reading: A walk in the forest (level 3) – exercises**

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

**Preparation**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to chase      | a. very hungry                                    |
| 2..... to vanish     | b. to shout or call loudly                        |
| 3..... to yell       | c. to move your head up and down                  |
| 4..... bark          | d. to disappear suddenly                          |
| 5..... starving      | e. to point or signal to something                |
| 6..... to nod        | f. the noise a dog makes                          |
| 7..... to gesture to | g. hard or difficult                              |
| 8..... tough         | h. to follow or hurry after someone to catch them |

**1. Check your understanding: multiple choice**

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- Grace doesn't post the photo on Facebook because ...
  - her friends might tease her.
  - Benji is barking.
  - her friends won't like it.
- At their first meeting, the boy is ...
  - delighted.
  - terrified.
  - bothered.
- Grace starts running because ...
  - the weather's bad.
  - she has to do her homework.
  - she sees the boy.
- On TV, Mark's dad looks tired and ...
  - angry.
  - upset.
  - unwell.

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5. Grace doesn't tell her mum about Mark because she wants to ...
- hear his point of view.
  - call the police herself.
  - contact his father.
6. Before becoming a couple, Mark's dad and Mel were ...
- friends.
  - colleagues.
  - neighbours.
7. Mark doesn't want to move to London because ...
- he can't stand Mel.
  - his life is in Manchester.
  - he doesn't like London.
8. Grace suggests that Mark and his dad ...
- stay in Manchester.
  - live separately.
  - go on holiday.

**2. Check your grammar: gap fill**

Complete the sentences with a preposition.

- Grace's dad doesn't approve \_\_\_\_\_ her walking through the forest.
- Grace and her parents live \_\_\_\_\_ a farm.
- Benji's scared \_\_\_\_\_ cats.
- When it's cold, Grace walks \_\_\_\_\_ a brisk pace.
- Benji arrives to check \_\_\_\_\_ Grace after her fall.
- The boy sets \_\_\_\_\_ quickly when he knows Grace is all right.
- Mark runs \_\_\_\_\_ from home after an argument with his dad.
- After his wife died, Mark's dad was sad \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.
- Mark says Mel isn't interested \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- Grace feels sorry \_\_\_\_\_ Mark and his dad.