

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.