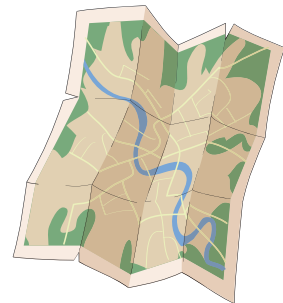


Mountain Journey



Purpose: To use dialogue to convey character and advance action

Remember – speech must be punctuated correctly and when a new person speaks, we start a new line.

Activity 1

Add the correct speech punctuation to these sentences.

- a) Miss Pearson asked, “Where have you been?”
- b) “We’re lost,” Kenny sighed.
- c) Kenny cheered as he turned the corner, “Finally we have found them!”
- d) “I can see a squirrel,” shouted Jake. “It’s just gone up that tree.”

Rewrite this dialogue showing when a new person speaks.

“Has anyone seen Jake and Kenny?” the teacher asked the group. “They should have been here 10 minutes ago!” “I think that I saw them heading to the trees over there,” Sarah replied, pointing towards the forest in the distance. “Oh dear, I hope they’re not lost,” sighed the teacher.

“Has anyone seen Jake and Kenny?” the teacher asked the group. “They should have been here 10 minutes ago!”

“I think that I saw them heading to the trees over there,” Sarah replied, pointing towards the forest in the distance.

“Oh dear, I hope they’re not lost,” sighed the teacher.

Activity 2

“Happy birthday sleepy head!” shouted mum as Anna ran down the stairs.

“Thanks, mum,” she yawned. “But do you have to be so loud?” There was a huge pile of presents sitting on the table. “Can I open them all now?”

Mum paused for a moment. “Not all of them,” she decided. “Save some for later when the rest of the family come round for tea.”

What do we know about the actions and events from the dialogue? Refer to the direct speech in the text to explain your answer.

Answers must refer to the speech within the text.

Acceptable answers include:

It is Anna’s birthday because mum says Happy Birthday to Anna.

Anna has only just got up as she is yawning and mum called her sleepy head.

Anna may have got up late as mum called her sleepy head.

Anna might be having a party later for her birthday because mum said that her family were coming round later.



Activity 3

“I can’t believe that everyone is coming round later. Will there be cake, mum?” Anna was jumping up and down with excitement.

“Yes,” relied mum. “But you need to calm down as you have to go to school first. You’ll be cleverer today now you’re 10.”

“Urghh,” Anna replied with a scowl on her face. “Double science today, just what you need on your birthday!”

What do we know about Anna from the dialogue?

Refer to the direct speech in the text to explain your answer.

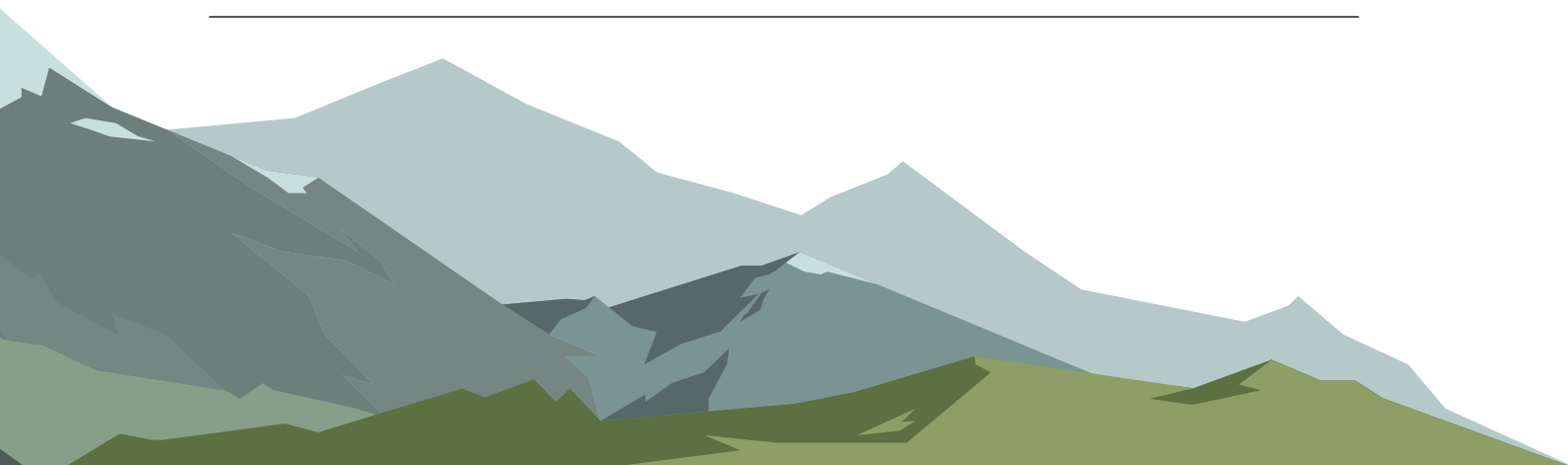
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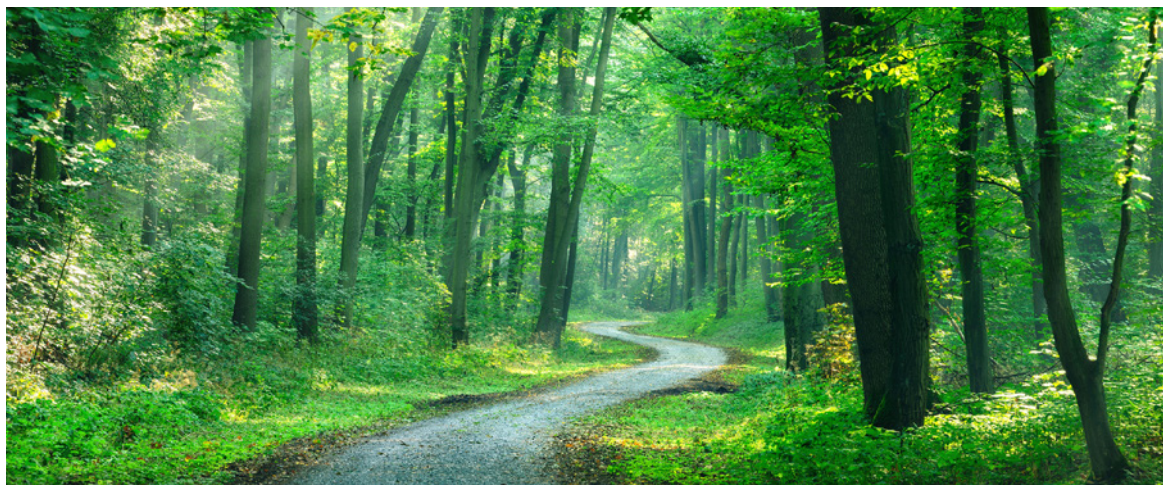
Anna likes cake as she asks if there will be any later.

Anna is 10 today as mum mentions how old she is.

Anna does not like science as she moans that she has double science that day.



Activity 4 – Writer’s Craft



Imagine you are lost with your friend in a forest.
Write a dialogue to show how you and your friend are feeling
and what events have happened, are happening or will happen.
Remember to punctuate your direct speech correctly.

Answers will vary.

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