

Elliana & Ari's Daily Learning Workbook

Reading Lesson 5

The Great Bear Poop Mix-Up at Jellystone Park

Elliana and Ari were camping with Mom and Dad at Jellystone Park. Dad challenged them to hike to the lookout tower without leaving the trail. Soon Ari spotted an enormous pile of animal poop in the middle of the path.

"It has to be Bigfoot poop!" he shouted. Other children overheard him. Before long, campers were whispering that Bigfoot lived in the woods. Someone claimed to hear growling. Another person thought they saw giant footprints. The rumor spread all through the campground.

A park ranger arrived and calmly examined the tracks. "These are black bear tracks," she explained. "And yes, that is bear poop. Before believing or repeating a story, look for evidence." Everyone laughed. Ari asked, "So...not dinosaur poop either?" The ranger smiled. "No dinosaurs today."

On the drive home Josh said, "Exciting stories are fun, but facts are more useful." Elliana nodded. "Next time we'll gather evidence before we tell everyone something is true."

Vocabulary: rumor, evidence, ranger, extinct, observe, trail

Comprehension

1. Where did the family go camping?
2. What did Ari think he found?
3. How did the rumor spread?
4. What evidence did the ranger use?
5. What lesson did the twins learn?

Answer Key

1. Jellystone Park.
2. Bigfoot poop.
3. Campers repeated it.
4. Bear tracks and observation.
5. Gather evidence before spreading a story.