



- reading comprehension

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Camping in Algonquin Park

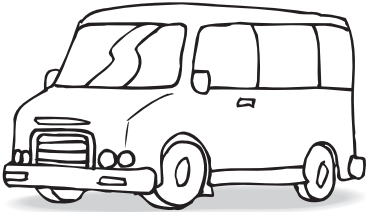
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One of my favourite parts about camping is that we are very careful not to damage our Earth. We collect only dead wood for fires, keep our small amount of garbage tucked safely away in a backpack to dispose of when we get home, use no electricity, keep the water clean by using biodegradable soap, and ensure that we are never so loud as to disturb the wildlife. We blend into the environment instead of standing out from it.

A. Write the things that the writer’s family pack up their family van with.



Things packed:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

B. Fill in the blanks with words from the passage.

1. Algonquin Park is the oldest _____ park in Canada.
2. The family look for animal tracks while they _____ .
3. They eat _____ for dessert.
4. They use _____ soap to keep the water clean.
5. They keep their voices down so that they will not disturb the _____ .

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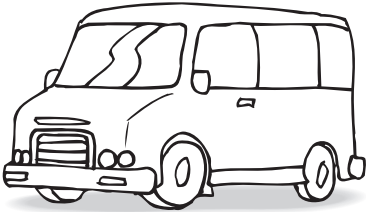
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