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Quick Questions



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Answers



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Pupils’ own responses, such as: I think they are going to try and have fun together and focus on family time.



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Pupils’ own responses, such as: I think the author describes it this way to help us hear it in our minds as we read the story and what the characters say.



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Pupils’ own responses, such as: Dad did because he apologises for the rain and says he thought it would be fun to go camping.



4. Compare how Lucy and her parents feel about the rain. Explain your answer.

Pupils’ own responses, such as: Lucy is excited about the rain because she wants some family time. Her parents aren’t happy about it because they feel it is ruining the trip.