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🔊 The tent floor was cold when I woke up. Since we planned to go for a nature hike, I had to get up.



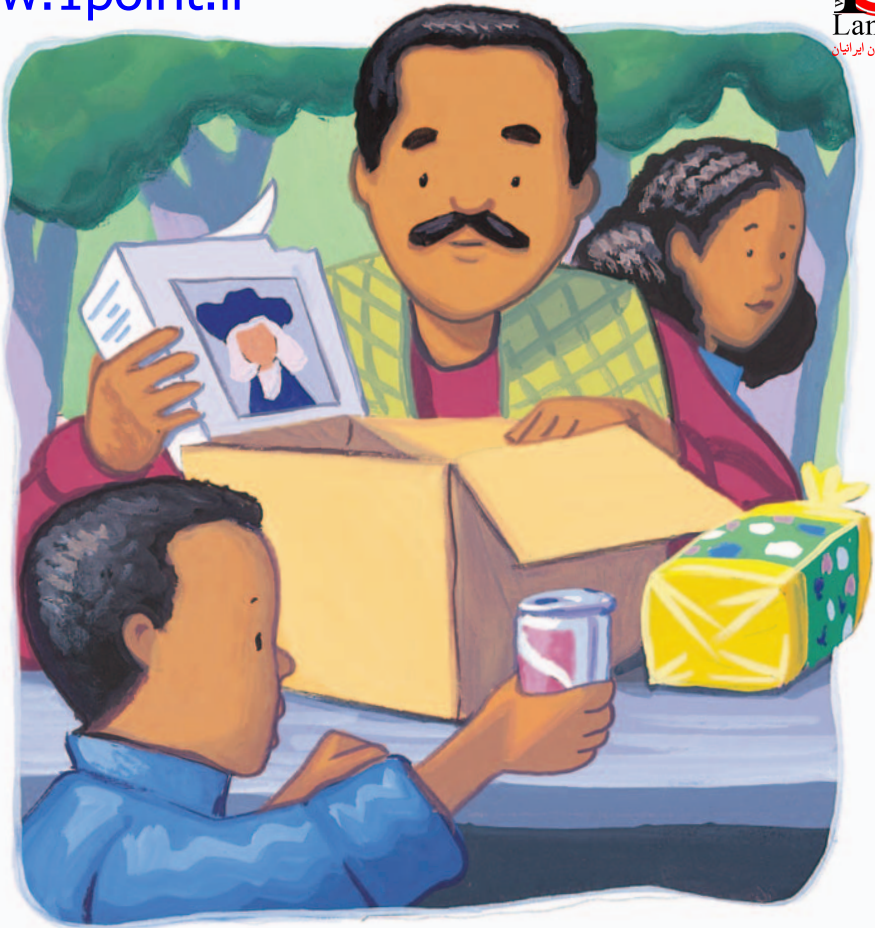
When I stepped out of the tent, there was a bag of rolls at my feet. “Where did this come from?” I thought.



▶ Then I looked up and saw it. The camp was a mess.



🔊 I didn't make a sound. I woke up Mom and Dad and showed them the mess.



Who or what made this mess? We started to clean up, but I had to do some detective work.





🔊 I looked for clues. First I found some claw marks. Our visitor was an animal. But what kind?



Some food boxes were open. Some boxes were not open. Some were on the ground. Some did not have food in them.



🔊 What kind of animal can open food boxes? What kind of animal pulls boxes down on the ground?



“Our visitor was a big animal,” I told my family. “I think it was a hungry bear.” Then I showed them the clues.






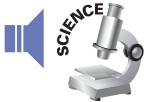
My sister ran back into the tent. “It’s okay,” I told her. “I have a plan.”



🔊 So we put every piece of food in a special locker that keeps bears out. Now we're safe.

## **Think and Respond**

-  **1** How did the boy figure out that the animal was a bear?
-  **2** How do you think the bear opened the boxes?
-  **3** Do you think the boy's plan was a good one? Explain.



**Be a Nature Detective** What kinds of animals live in your neighborhood? Look for clues that tell what animals are around. Write or draw your observations.



**School-Home Connection** Have children read aloud the story. Then have them explain the clues and what they mean.