

I love our orange tent

I love our orange tent.
We plant it like a flower in the field.
The grass smells sweet inside it.

And at night
When we're lying in it,
I hear the owl crying.

When the wind blows,
my tent flaps
like a flying bird.

And the rain
patters down on it
with tiny footsteps.

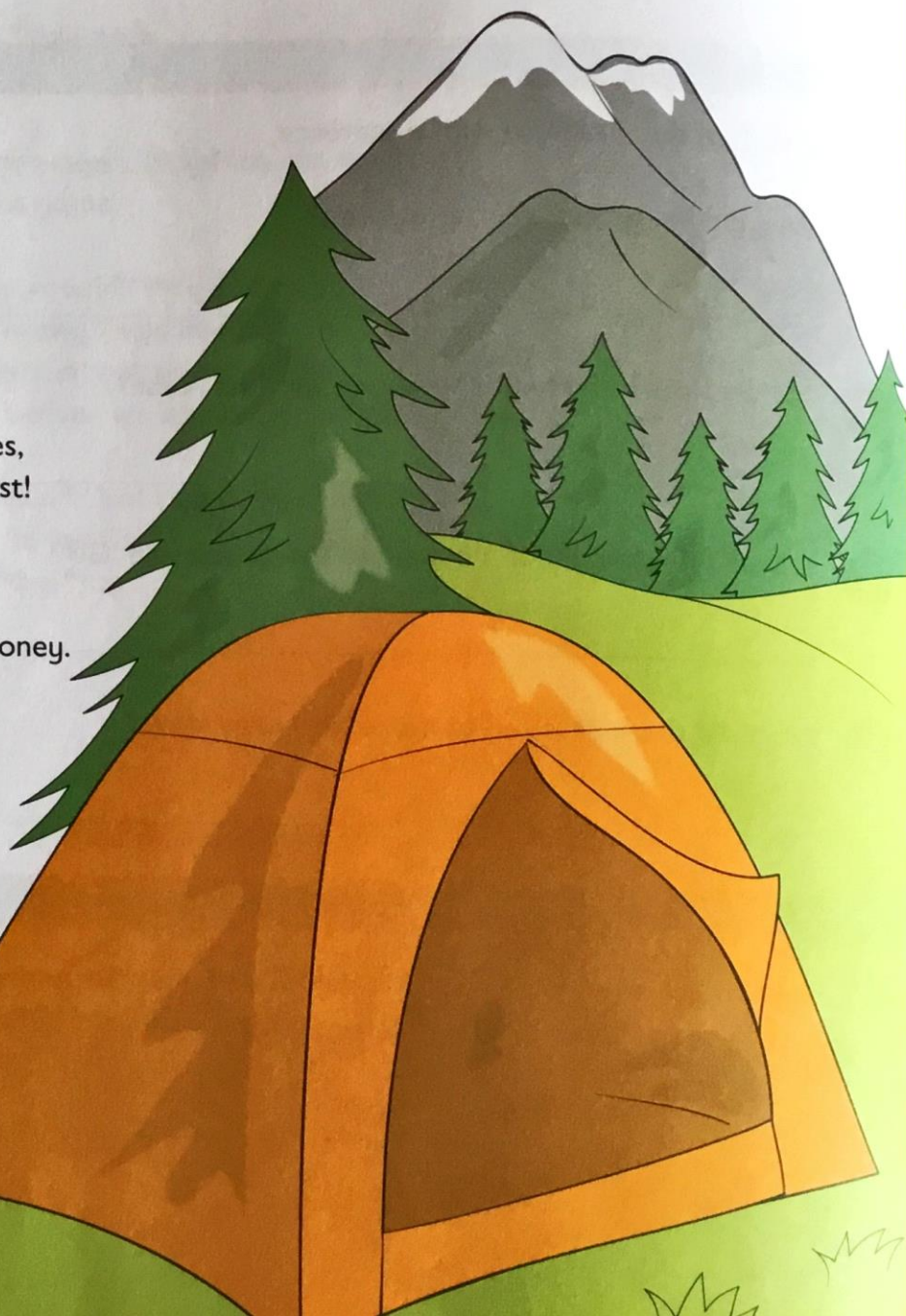
I feel warm and safe
inside my tent.

But when the sun shines,
that's when I love it best!

When I wake up
and the sun is shining,
it pours in like yellow honey.
It glows like gold.

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Tick (✓) the true statements and cross (✗) the false statements.

1 Inside the tent there is the sweet smell of grass.

2 The tent is likened to a shed in a field.

3 The poet likes to be in the tent when the sun shines.

4 When the sun shines the tent smells like yellow honey.

Answer each of the questions with a sentence.

5 Which line in the poem is repeated?



6 Why do you think the poet repeats this line?

7 Which verse describes the poet feeling safe in the orange tent?

8 Do you think the poet would still describe the tent as glowing 'like gold' if it was a blue tent? Why?

9 Complete the sentences with words from the poem.

1. They plant the tent like _____.

2. The wind makes the tent flap like _____.

10 How would you feel if you were camping in a tent and there was loud thunder and lightning in the middle of the night? Describe what you see, hear and feel.

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- 5 'I love our orange tent' is repeated in the poem.
- 6 By repeating the line the poet is reinforcing how she feels about the orange tent.
- 7 The fifth verse states that the poet feels warm and safe inside the tent.
- 8 Child's own answer stating whether the description of the tent would be the same if it was a blue tent.
- 9 1 a flower
2 a flying bird
- 10 Child's own answer describing what they would see, hear and feel on a camping trip if there was thunder and lightning during the night. For example, I would feel afraid because the thunder would be very loud and the lightning would make scary shadows on the tent.

Thunder and Lightning