

The Bike Adventure

Henry and Oliver woke up early and ran downstairs to have their breakfast. The boys had heard about a new cycle track in the woods. They couldn't wait to try it out. They were so excited that they hadn't noticed it was raining. Outside, it was gushing down.

"We can't go out in this weather," said their mum. "It's far too wet. You'll have to wait until later."

"OK," said the boys. "We'll wait."

The boys made a den in the living room to pass the time. The rain continued to pour. They ate their lunch. They baked a cake. They drew their favourite superheroes, but still the rain poured.

Finally at five o'clock, as their dad got back from work, the weather looked a little brighter. The boys rushed to get their bikes from the shed.

"I'll come with you boys. Just wait while I get changed," called their dad. The boys couldn't wait any longer and raced off towards the woods.

Finding the track through the woods was harder than they had imagined. Heavy streams of rain water snaked their way around the trees. Trying to avoid them, the boys zigzagged their way deeper into the woods.

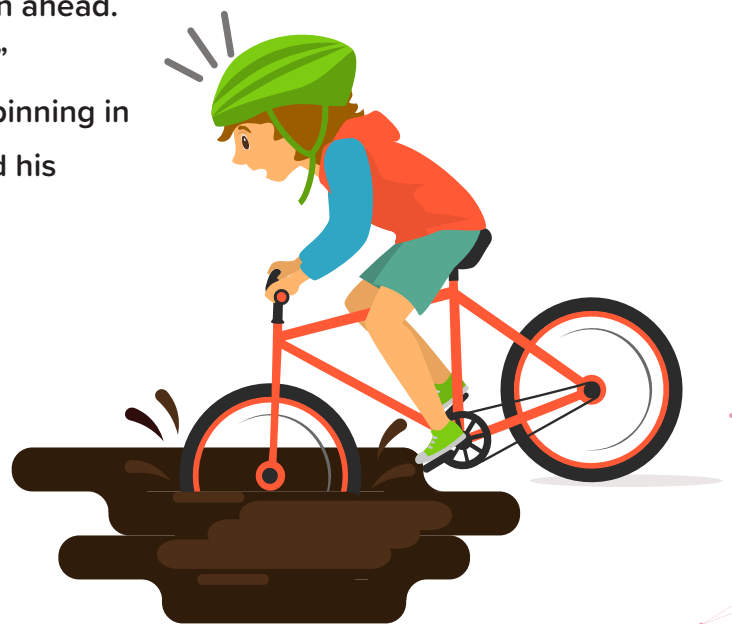
Oliver could see that Henry was slowing down ahead.

"Don't follow me!" Henry shouted. "I'm stuck."

He was pedalling hard but his wheels were spinning in the thick mud. Henry stepped off the bike and his feet immediately sank into the soggy black ground. As he tried to free his bike, he sank even deeper. The mud was now up to his knees and he was beginning to panic.

"Oliver! Help me!" he shouted.

Oliver thought hard. He lay his bike on the ground and started to look for



fallen branches. One at a time, he lay the branches down on the mud.

Finally, after 30 minutes of collecting and laying, Oliver had created a track. The track went through the mud all the way to where Henry was stuck.

Oliver balanced on the edge of his track. He reached around Henry's leg and pulled as hard as he could. Together, they wrestled one foot and then the other out of the thick mud. Henry was free.

Now for the bike. Henry took off his jacket and tied it around the back wheel. Using all their strength, the boys pulled hard and slowly freed the bike. Cold, tired, and caked in mud, the boys slowly wheeled the bike back over the track.

When they got back to Oliver's bike, they heard a voice in the distance.

"Boys! BOYS! Henry! Oliver!" It was their dad. They felt extremely relieved.

"Dad! Dad!" they called back.

Soon they could see their dad cycling towards them.

"There you are, boys! You mustn't cycle off through the woods on your own. Get on your bikes and I'll take you to the track."

"Actually, Dad," said Oliver. "Please can you take us home? We've had our adventure for today."



Questions

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- 1 What were the boys excited about? (tick)

- ☐ eating their breakfast
- ☐ playing in the rain
- ☐ waking up early
- ☐ trying out the new bike track

- 2 What did the boys do in the living room? (tick)

- ☐ baked a cake
- ☐ made a den
- ☐ ate their lunch
- ☐ drew superheroes

- 3 When did the boys get their bikes out? (tick)

- ☐ five o'clock
- ☐ in the morning
- ☐ just after lunch
- ☐ as the sun was setting

- 4 What language feature is used in the sentence below?

Heavy streams of rain water snaked their way around the trees. (tick)

- ☐ metaphor
- ☐ alliteration
- ☐ simile
- ☐ onomatopoeia

- 5 What did Oliver use to create his track? (tick)

- ☐ He collected branches from the ground.
- ☐ He cut branches from a tree.
- ☐ He used planks of wood.
- ☐ He found stepping stones.

- 6 How long did it take Oliver to create a track?
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- 7 How do you think Henry felt when he became free? (tick)

- ☐ excited
☐ relieved
☐ annoyed
☐ curious

- 8 What did the boys use to pull the bike out of the mud? (tick)

- ☐ a piece of rope
☐ a branch
☐ Oliver's scarf
☐ Henry's jacket

- 9 Where did the boys cycle after their dad found them? (tick)

- ☐ deeper into the woods
☐ back home
☐ to the cycle track
☐ into town

- 10 Write the numbers 1-7 in the boxes to put these events in the order that they happened.

- ☐ The boys ate lunch.
☐ Henry got stuck in the mud.
☐ Their dad got back from work.
☐ Their dad found them.
☐ The boys made a den.
☐ The boys cycled into the woods.
☐ Oliver rescued Henry.

Score:

Answers

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- 2 What did the boys do in the living room? ☒ made a den
- 3 When did the boys get their bikes out? ☒ five o'clock
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