Jay wanted to go camping. He asked his dad if they could go camping. Jay’s dad suggested that they try camping in their backyard during the weekend to see if Jay would like it, first. On Saturday, Jay’s dad helped Jay pack for their backyard adventure.

He explained to that Jay once they started their pretend camping, Jay would only be allowed to go back inside if he needed to go to the bathroom. Jay was excited. He packed his sleeping bag, water bottles, canned food, extra blankets, clothes, and a flashlight.

Around 4:00 p.m., Jay and his father went outside to set up the tent and campfire in the backyard. The air was much cooler than Jay expected. However, he remembered that he brought extra clothes and blankets. They fixed dinner using canned food and talked about how fun a real camping trip would be.

After dinner, it began to rain. Jay was beginning to change his mind. His dad explained to him that part of camping is to understand that you cannot always control the weather. The tent kept them dry but Jay really wanted to go back into his house and sleep in his own bed. The sleeping bag was warm, but not as soft as his bed. Finally, Jay fell asleep. When he woke up the next morning, he was very cold and hungry. His dad offered to make a breakfast outside, but Jay was ready to go back into his warm house.

Jay enjoyed his backyard camping experience with his dad. However, he did not want to go camping for real until the weather was warmer.

Use the information in the paragraphs to answer the questions below.

What kinds of items did Jay pack for camping?
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Where did Jay go camping?
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When did Jay realize he wanted to go back into the house?
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Why did Jay’s dad suggest they camp in the backyard?
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How did Jay stay warm and dry through the night?
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Name: ________________________________

Narrative Story Elements