

My Dad

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66 feel like the sun is shining. On tree-trunk legs, with
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87 out of the water. His tender voice sings out to his
96 children, "You need to build the tallest tower, made
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112 help me with the tent!"



Questions



1. What does the word **furrow** suggest about the dad's wrinkles? Tick one.

- ☐ That they get deeper.
- ☐ That they vanish.
- ☐ That they become less deep.



2. How does the weather contrast with the dad's mood?



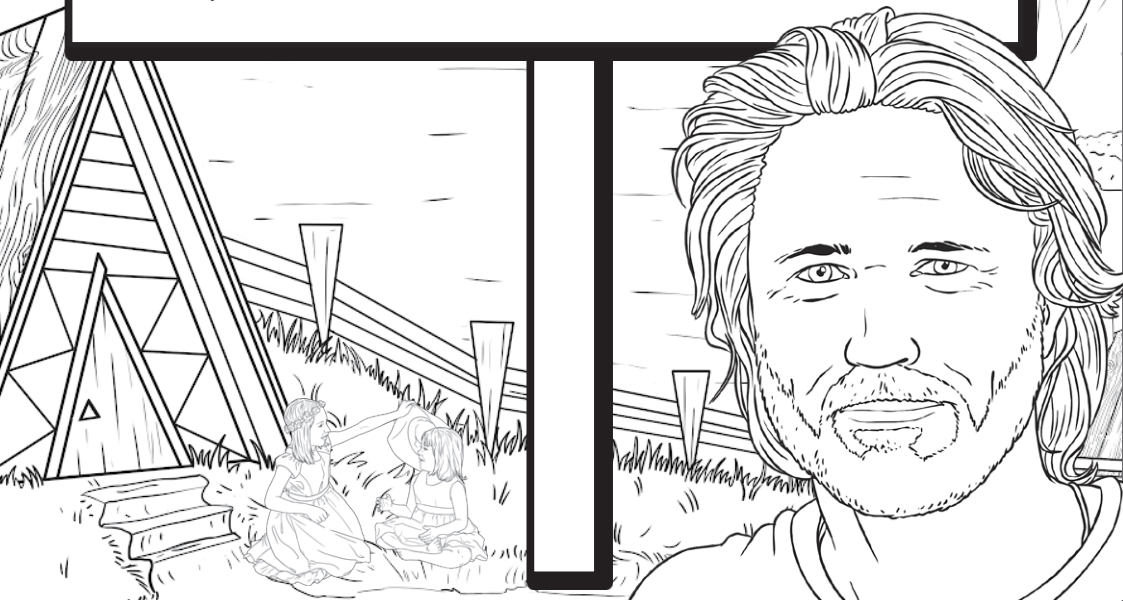
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Pupils' own responses, such as: The weather contrasts with the dad's mood as it is windy and drizzly whereas the dad's mood is happy and bright.



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