

Read the story carefully. Then answer each question in a full sentence.

## Maya's Woodland Wisdom

Maya and her dad hiked in Algonquin Provincial Park. Sun warmed their faces on a winding trail. Tall pine trees reached high. The air smelled fresh. Maya felt excited.



Suddenly, her dad pointed. "Look, Maya! A pileated woodpecker!" A large bird with a red crest pecked high in the tree canopy. Maya watched. To see better, they stepped off the path, following sound.



The woodpecker flew away. Maya looked around. "Dad, where's the path?" Trees looked denser, trail markers gone. A small stream, a tributary, gurgled. Her dad checked his compass. "Wandered too far," he said.



Maya remembered a fact. "Beavers build homes near water and are nocturnal, right?" Her dad smiled. "Yes! Follow this tributary downstream. It leads back to the river and our trail." They walked by the water.

Soon, a familiar bridge appeared. They found their way back! "Good job, Maya," her dad praised. "Your nature knowledge helped us." Maya felt proud. Nature brings surprises, and knowing the wild helps. It was a great day.



### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who are the main characters in the story and where does the story take place?



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**(2) What unexpected thing happened when Maya and her dad were watching the woodpecker?**

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**(3) Based on the story, what does the word "tributary" mean?**

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**(4) How did Maya's dad respond when they realized they were off the path? Was this a good way to react?**

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**(5) What does this story suggest about spending time in nature and knowing about the wild?**

