

Jane's Sunset Hike



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Jane wanted to see the sunset from the high hilltop. She looked at her laptop to check the time. "The sun will go down soon," she said. She grabbed her big blue backpack to pack some treats for the trip.



She went inside the kitchen to find a snack. Jane put a sweet pink cupcake and a bag of salty popcorn into her backpack. She wanted to bring a hotdog too, but she did not have time to cook it.



Instead, she took a cold bottle of water. She was ready for her walk, but she still needed her camp seat from the garden shed. She ran outside and past the gray mailbox by the road.



Her dog, Gus, ran after her. They walked past the sandbox where her little brother liked to play. Jane reached the old wooden shed. But when she tried to open the door, she saw a big padlock. "Oh no," Jane whispered.



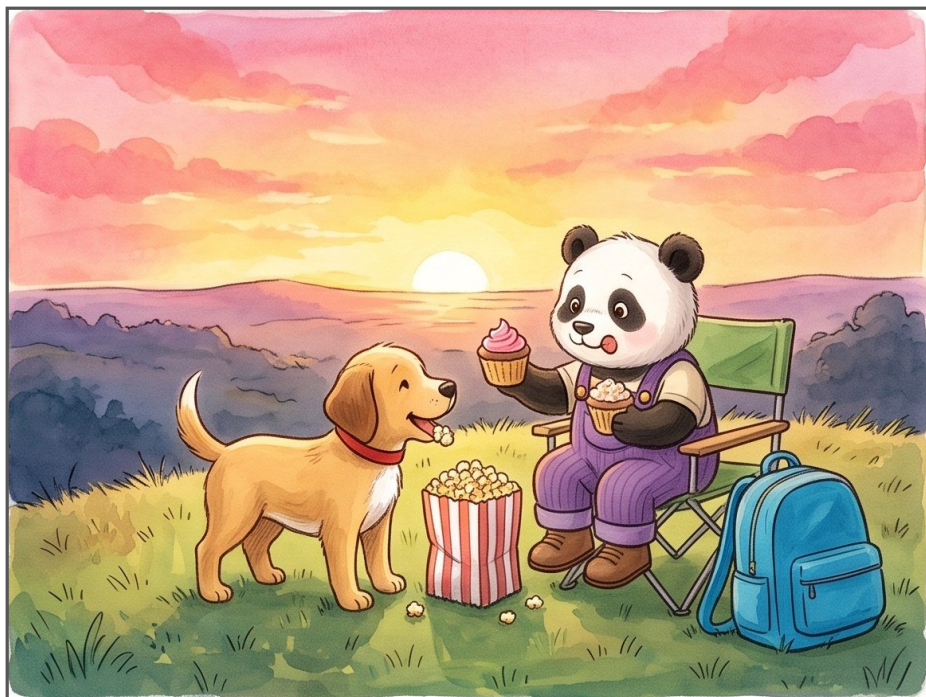
She could not open the padlock because a thick cobweb was spun right over it. She did not want to brush the sticky web with her hands. She went back to get a red dustpan from the deck.



She used the dustpan to sweep the cobweb away. Then she opened the padlock. Jane grabbed her camp seat from the dim shed. She quickly locked the padlock again so the door would stay shut.



With her heavy backpack on her back, she began her trek. The path was long, and she had to walk uphill. Gus wagged his tail and trotted right beside her. Finally, they reached the very top of the grassy hilltop.



The sky was filled with bright pink and yellow light. Jane set up her seat and sat down to watch the lovely sunset. She opened her backpack, ate her sweet cupcake, and gave some popcorn to Gus. It was a lovely trip.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Compound words — two known words joined into one
(sun + set = sunset)

Compound Words words

sunset, hilltop, laptop, backpack, inside, cupcake, popcorn, into, hotdog, outside, mailbox, sandbox, padlock, cobweb, dustpan, uphill

Talk About It

1. What did Jane look at to check the time?
2. Why could Jane not open the padlock?
3. What did Jane give to Gus at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Compound Words list. How many can you find?