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# I Love Our Orange Tent

I love our orange tent.  
We plant it like a flower in the field.  
The grass smells sweet inside it.

And at night  
When we're lying in it,  
I hear the owl crying.

When the wind blows,  
my tent flaps  
like a flying bird.

And the rain  
patters down on it  
with tiny footsteps.

I feel warm and safe  
inside my tent.

But when the sun shines,  
that's when I love it best!

When I wake up  
and the sun is shining,  
it pours in like yellow honey.  
It glows like gold.

I love our orange tent.

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## Do you remember?

Copy these sentences. Fill each gap.

1. The poem is about an orange \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They put it up in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. At night they can hear the \_\_\_\_\_ crying.
4. When the wind blows, the tent \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The tent is best when the sun \_\_\_\_\_.

## More to think about

Write a sentence to answer each question.

1. Why does the poet say that they plant the tent like a flower in the field?
2. Does the poet like the smell of the grass in the orange tent?
3. What does the tent sound like when the wind blows?
4. Do you think the fourth verse describes heavy rain or light rain? Give your reasons.
5. Why does the poet like being in the tent most when the sun shines?

## Now try these

Imagine that the orange tent is your tent.

1. What do you think are the best things about going camping? Make a list.
2. Now make a list of all the problems that could happen on a camping trip.
3. Use the details in the poem to write a story about spending a night in the orange tent.

