**A fun day out**

“Let’s look at the lions first!” said Jack excitedly. He grabbed Sarah and they ran to the lions’ cage. A moment later, mum and dad came. “Keep still” said mum. “Say cheese” said dad happily. Flash! “That looks like a good one,” he said joyfully.

After a while, the family decided to move on. They went into the reptile house where there were lots of colourful birds flying around and strange creatures in tanks. Sarah crept over to a huge glass tank. She couldn’t see anything in there but little did she know there was a huge snake camouflaged in with the green leaves.

Suddenly, Sarah jumped back and ran over to give her mum a hug. Jack, who was watching this, found it hilarious! For the rest of the day he teased her. “You should have seen your face!” he teased.

After the family visited the elephants, they went to the gift shop. Jack ran around excitedly but Sarah slumped and looked at the ground. Mum turned to dad. “Maybe we should buy Sarah a teddy bear” said mum.

**Questions**

1. Where do you think the family are and why do you think this?
2. Why did Mum tell the children to “Keep still” in the first paragraph?
3. Pretend you are Jack and you have just entered the reptile house. Write a few sentences to explain how you feel.
4. What word tells us the snake was hiding in Paragraph 2?
5. Why do you think Sarah suddenly jumped back?
6. What do you think Jack found so funny at the end of the story?
7. What clues are there that Sarah was feeling upset in Paragraph 4?
8. Why do you think Mum suggested they should buy Sarah a teddy bear?

Extra Challenge – Write a diary extract pretending you’re Sarah and talk about your day out.