

Mystery story – The Dilemma

This exciting part of the story has been written completely in dialogue. It may sound better with only a little dialogue and more description. Have a go at rewriting it. Remember to include some short, sharp sentences to build the tension more.

‘Wake up Tom, quickly, I can hear something!’

claimed Peter.

‘What ... what?’ Tom mumbled.

‘I think something is coming closer,’ Peter cried.

‘Shhh, I think I can hear it too,’ Tom replied.

‘What do think it is? I’m so scared,’ Peter wailed.

‘Me too, look there’s a shadow on the tent.’ Tom squealed.

‘Oh no, it looks like they are holding a huge hammer,’ Peter garbled.

‘I’m going to get under my sleeping bag!’

‘Me too!’

