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**Hiking the Appalachian Trail**

Eight-year-old Maya and her parents were on vacation. They were hiking in the Appalachian Mountains. The Appalachians are the longest group of mountains in eastern North America. These mountains start in the northern U.S. state of Maine. They end in the southern state of Georgia.

Maya’s family was walking on a road that goes from one end of the Appalachians to the other. It is called the Appalachian Trail. Maya and her family had started near their home in Maryland. A native of Maryland, Maya had never left her state before. A native is someone who was born in a place. The family’s first stop was in West Virginia.

Every evening, Maya and her family would make a campfire. She loved that! She also enjoyed sleeping in a tent each night. Maya wanted to remember everything that happened on her vacation. Whenever she came across a new animal, such as a beaver or a quail, she would draw a picture of it in her journal.

Maya learned that she had to be quiet if she wanted the animals to stay. She also drew a field of daisies. Maya thought that flowers were easier to draw than animals. They didn’t run away!

**Vocabulary/Definition:** Native

Adjective:

1. Being the place of birth of a person, or having to do with a person’s place or situation of birth.
2. Belonging to a person or persons because of their place of birth.

Noun:

1. A person born or raised in a particular place.

Comprehension Questions

**1.** What were Maya and her parents doing on their vacation?

1. driving
2. sleeping
3. hiking

**2.** Where does this story take place?

1. in a town in Maryland
2. on a highway in West Virginia
3. on a trail in the Appalachian Mountains

**3.** The Appalachian Mountains start in the northern state of Maine and end in the southern state of Georgia. Maya and her parents started hiking the Appalachian Trail near Maryland.

Based on this evidence, what can you conclude about where Maryland is?

1. It is south of Georgia.
2. It is between Maine and Georgia.
3. It is north of Maine.

**4.** Based on the information in the story, how could Maya and her parents be described?

1. They don’t like Maryland very much.
2. They are good at drawing flowers.
3. They like to spend time in nature.

**5.** What is the main idea of this story?

1. The Appalachian Trail goes from one end of the Appalachian Mountains to the other.
2. Maya likes making campfires and drawing flowers and animals.
3. Maya has fun while hiking on the Appalachian Trail with her family.

**6.** Read these sentences from the text.

"Maya’s family was walking on a road that goes from one end of the Appalachians to the other. It is called the Appalachian Trail."

Based on these sentences, what does the word “trail” mean?

1. state
2. mountain
3. road

**7.** Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

Maya wanted to remember everything she saw on her vacation, \_\_\_\_\_ she drew the animals she came across.

1. so
2. because
3. but

**8.** What two states did Maya and her family hike in? (Answer in Complete Sentences)

**9.** How did Maya feel about her vacation on the Appalachian Trail? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (Answer in Complete Sentences)

**10.** If Maya went hiking on the part of the Appalachian Trail in Maine, would she be likely to have a good time? Why or why not? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (Answer in Complete Sentences)