

Maria Makes a Snake

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Marco and Maria are camping in the yard. They have their flashlights and some snacks. Marco swings his flashlight around in the tent. Hoot! Hoot! He makes scary noises. Maria is not scared.

She remembers what she learned in school about shadows. A solid object in front of light makes a shadow. She shines her flashlight on the side of the tent. She puts her hand in front of the light. She twists her hand around.

"Look, a snake!" Maria says.

Marco jumps. Then he sees that it is only a shadow. They laugh and laugh together.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What are Marco and Maria doing?

- A. reading a scary book
- B. hiking in the woods
- C. camping in the yard

2. What time of day is it most likely in the story?

- A. morning
- B. night
- C. afternoon

3. Marco swings his flashlight around in the tent and makes scare noises. What is Marco most likely trying to do?

- A. Marco is trying to scare Maria.
- B. Marco is not trying to scare Maria.
- C. Marco is trying to leave the tent.

4. What is "Maria Makes a Snake" mostly about?

- A. the best places to go camping
- B. how to scare your friends
- C. Maria and Marco's camping night

5. What did Maria use to make a shadow that looked like a snake?

6. What did you learn from "Maria Makes a Snake"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Why did Marco jump when Maria said "Look, a snake!"?

8. Draw a picture of Maria scaring Marco with her snake shadow.