

# Unusual summer camp (teacher's notes)

## 1. Warm up (Activity 1) 5 min

**Aims:** to break the ice and foster a safe environment for learning.

**Procedure:** Introduce the topic. Ask students to discuss the questions in pairs.

## 2. Unusual summer camps (Activity 2) 15 min

**Aims:** to brainstorm the vocabulary and to raise student's interest in the next activity.

**Procedure:** Students discuss six unusual summer camps and write down 3 activities campers might do at each one.

## 3. Text (Activity 3) 10 min

**Aim:** to provide students with reading for gist practice.

**Procedure:** Students read the text and match the heading and the paragraphs. Afterwards ask the students to compare their list in the previous activity with the text.

Make sure to pre-teach the following vocabulary:

sword-fighting

foam archery

a dwarf

a wizard

to create potions

to cast spells

juggling

martial arts

surveillance

ropes courses

code breaking

marine

**Keys:**

1. - a 2. - e 3. - b 4. - j 5. - f 6. - g 7. - h 8. - i 9. - d 10. - c

## 4. Choosing the best camp (Activity 4) 10 min

**Aim:** to provide students with reading for detail practice.

**Procedure:** Students answer the questions.

**Keys:**

Which camp/camps :

- lets you practice the arts of battle? - **Lord of the Rings Camp, Star Wars Camp, Spy Camp**
- is based around a fictional universe? **Lord of the Rings Camp, Harry Potter Camp, Star Wars Camp**
- is for very energetic kids? **Future Stars Circus Arts Summer Camp, Star Wars Camp, Camp Broadway**
- has a performance at the end of the session? **Camp Broadway**
- teaches professional skills? **Camp Broadway, Robotics Camp**
- is taught by scientists? **Astronomy Camp, Sea Turtle Camp**
- includes swimming? **Sea Turtle Camp**

## 5. Camp No Counselor (Activity 5) 15 min

**Aim:** to provide listening practice.

**Procedure:** Students watch the video and answer the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5maeCxLdksY>

**Keys:**

An entire sleepaway camp where campers have free reign of the property completely unsupervised. What's this all about? Doesn't sound like the typical camping experience. In fact, it is not. Newschannel5 photojournalist Tony Cook takes us to "Camp no Counselor".

My internal alarm clock went off at about seven and then I convinced myself that it was gonna go off at like 9.30. There's not a lot of people that'll sign up on a whim for an overnight summer camp for adults. We want to take work out of the equation, technology out of the equation, and just have fun, just like you did when you were kids. So can you go this long without your phone, Wi-Fi? I think I can. I think I can.

Camp no counselors started from friends inviting friends. I just decided to rent out a camp for a weekend and invite my friends and the word spread through each new city that we move in because I have friends there and then they tell their friends and then they get a big enough group that want to host the camp. So we had a friend in Nashville that wanted to host their own camp and so we're making it come to life right now. So we have a camp this weekend, the 13th, next weekend, the weekend of the 20th and then the following weekend August 27.

I always wanted to go camping as a kid and never got to because I played sports. So I did this and I didn't know anybody, went by myself and I left there with 200 best friends.

**Answers:**

1. **How is this summer camp for adults is different from a typical summer camp for children?** Campers have free reign of the property completely unsupervised.
2. **What activities do the campers do?** Rock climbing, archery, volleyball
3. **What rule do the adults have to follow?** No technology
4. **How was the camp started?** Word of mouth, friends inviting friends

5. **What kind of people would go to this camp?** People who never went to summer camp as kids, people who want to have fun, chill and make new friends
6. **Would you like to go to Camp no Counselors?**

## 6. Camp Brochure (Activity 6) 10+ min

**Aim:** to provide students with free writing practice.

**Procedure:** In pairs students design an advertisement brochure for “Camp no Counselors”.

Useful material:

<https://www.campnocounselors.com/experience/>

## 7. Letters from camp (Activity 7) 10+ min

**Aim:** to provide students with free writing practice.

**Procedure:** Ask students to choose a type of camp discussed in the lesson and write letters from that summer camp. The author of the funniest letter is the winner.

## 8. Sum up 3-5 mins

Summarise the lesson and tell students what results they have achieved (Now you can ... After our reading and speaking lesson you will be able to....). Ask them if they have any questions. Conduct delayed error correction if needed.