

## The Fawn

Sara and her father planned a hike up a mountain trail near their home. The trail they chose began at the foot of the mountain and led all the way to the top. Sara had packed lunches earlier that morning. Her father filled their backpacks with other supplies and they were off!

As they started up the trail, Sara's father pointed out many different plants that lined the trail. He showed Sara the difference between the leaves of an aspen tree and the needles of a spruce tree. Sara was glad that her father knew so much! She always learned something whenever they went on a hike.

"Look over there," Sara whispered suddenly. They had just turned a corner on the mountain trail. Lying in the grass next to the trail was a small baby deer, or fawn. It looked at them with wide eyes, but it did not move.

"Where is its mother?" Sara wondered aloud. "Do you think we should stay here and watch it?"

"That's a good idea," answered her dad. "We must not go any closer, though." As they sat down and unpacked their lunch, Sara asked her dad why they couldn't go any closer to the fawn. He explained that sometimes, if the mother smelled humans too close to her baby, she would be too afraid to come back. Sara and her father agreed that they would wait for the mother to come back, but that they would not get too close to the fawn.

Soon a larger deer walked slowly up to the fawn nestled in the grass. After a few quick sniffs and a cautious glance at Sara and her father, mother and baby ran quickly down the trail.

Sara and her father packed up their supplies and continued up the mountain. They knew that the fawn was now safe.



## The Fawn (cont.)

### Reading Comprehension Questions

After reading the story, answer the questions. Circle the correct answer.

1. How does Sara's dad probably feel about the fawn?
  - a. He wants to ignore it.
  - b. He cares about its survival.
  - c. He doesn't want to help it.
  - d. He wishes he could be one.
2. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. There is a hiking trail near Sara's house.
  - b. Sara's dad teaches her about trees and plants.
  - c. A mother deer returns for her fawn.
  - d. Sara learns a lesson from her dad while on a hike.
3. What is a good word to describe Sara's dad?
  - a. Wise.
  - b. Boring.
  - c. Funny.
  - d. Strict.
4. After this experience, what would Sara probably do if she were by herself and saw another fawn?
  - a. Run up to it.
  - b. Watch it from a distance.
  - c. Feed it.
  - d. Teach it about trees.
5. How will Sara's dad probably feel about her after the hike is over?
  - a. Proud.
  - b. Angry.
  - c. Puzzled.
  - d. Sad.