



Backyard Explorers

Jim and John are twin brothers with very active imaginations. They enjoy playing outside more than anything else. In school they recently studied a unit on early explorers of the United States frontier. Today, they are in their backyard pretending to be Lewis and Clark on a great expedition to find a path across America all the way to the Pacific Ocean. They've put on their hiking boots, packed their lunches and supplies in backpacks, including flashlights, bottled water, and homemade maps, and set out on a long and difficult journey. Slowly, they creep around the trees in the yard, scouting for wild animals and other dangers. They climb up into one of the smaller trees so they can survey the surrounding area for many miles. Back on the ground, they inspect their maps, make additional notes, and continue exploring.

After several hours, John's stomach makes a big growling noise. Jim looks at him, and they both start laughing. They decide that is enough exploring for now and sit down to eat the delicious lunches Mom made for them. They wonder if Lewis and Clark had peanut butter sandwiches and homemade chocolate chip cookies packed for them by their mothers.

Directions: *Please choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.*

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| _____ 1. Who are the twin brothers in the story? | a. delicious |
| _____ 2. What unit did they recently study in school? | b. Lewis and Clark |
| _____ 3. Who are they pretending to be in the story? | c. Jim and John |
| _____ 4. Name one item they put in their backpacks. | d. frontier explorers |
| _____ 5. What did they think of the lunches Mom packed? | e. homemade maps |