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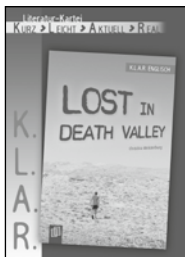
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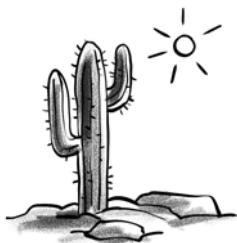
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MIKE



It is so hot!

So hot! I can't believe it.

How can anyone like **such** a hot **place**?

Dad looks at me. His face looks angry.

He always looks angry when he looks at me.

My face is **wet** with **sweat**. Sweat runs down my **cheeks**.

It **burns** in my eyes. My face is as red as a tomato.

I don't like tomatoes. I only like ketchup.

My dad looks away. I look down at the **sand**.

That is all there is, here in Death Valley.

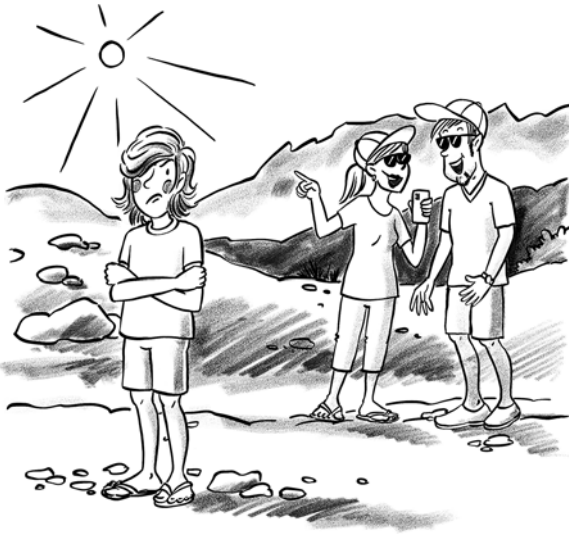
Sand, sand, sand! We are in the **middle** of a **desert**.

“Isn’t it beautiful?” Dad asks.

Dad’s new girlfriend **nods**. She always nods.

Her name is Jane, and Jane thinks that my dad is so great. Jane loves my dad. I **hate** Jane. I also hate my dad. They make me feel angry.

They make me feel angry **because** they are so **in love**.



They think **everything** is so great! But nothing is great.

Dad and Jane like everything, and they want me to like everything too. But I don’t like many things!

I don't like sand, and I don't like the **annoying** sun, and I don't like it when it's hot! I also don't want to be on this annoying **vacation** in Death Valley with Dad and his annoying girlfriend in the middle of August.

Jane looks at me.

I look away.

“Mike, stand next to your dad and **smile**.

I want to take a picture!” she says.

I don't move. Dad comes over and stands next to me. He puts his arm **around** my **shoulder**.

I don't like his arm around my shoulder.

Dad doesn't **notice**. Maybe he **doesn't care**.

Dad smiles for the picture. I look down at the sand. I don't smile for the annoying picture.



Mike hates everything about the family vacation in Death Valley: the heat, the sun, his dad and his dad's new girlfriend Jane. He hates that his dad is happy with Jane because Mike is not happy. Mike is angry. So angry that he runs away in the middle of Death Valley – without water. Maybe that was not Mike's best idea ...



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