A Trip to Grand Canyon National Park

We were almost there! I saw the flag for the national park waving in the summer wind. In just a few minutes we’d be exploring the rim of the magnificent Grand Canyon. Mom made sure we had a snack before leaving the car. She had brought a loaf of banana bread and a pitcher of fruit punch.

After our snack we scampered across the bridge over a stream. We noticed a school of tiny fish in the stream but we did not watch them. We were anxious to get to the trail so we could hike a ways down into the canyon. The Grand Canyon is so deep that it takes more than one day to hike to the bottom and come back up to the top.

Like millions of other tourists who visit the Grand Canyon National Park each year, we were filled with awe at its enormous size and spectacular beauty. Like the descriptions of the canyon we read before leaving home told us, we quickly realized that the canyon is a rare treasure.

We hiked along the steep trail, watching our steps so we would not slip. We stopped hiking every fifteen minutes or so to rest and admire the awesome views. We needed to save some energy for the difficult climb back up the trail.

The whole family was tired and hungry when we returned to the car at the end of the day. We called Grandma and Grandpa to tell them about our wonderful adventure.
Correct Order
Put the parts of the story in order, numbers 1 to 6.

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____ The family called Grandma and Grandpa.

____ The family arrived at Grand Canyon National Park.

____ They spotted a school of fish.

____ The family hiked up the trail.

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Multiple Meaning

Use each multiple meaning word in a sentence. Use a different meaning than in the story.

rare __________________________________________

slip __________________________________________

saw __________________________________________

flag __________________________________________

rim __________________________________________

down _________________________________________

top __________________________________________

loaf _________________________________________

pitcher ______________________________________

school _________________________________________
Answer Key

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Multiple Meaning – Alternate meaning from story

rare - not fully cooked
slip – petticoat; move unobtrusively
saw – cutting device
flag – signal to stop
rim – part of car tire
down – soft feathers
top – spinning toy
loaf – to be lazy
pitcher – baseball team position
school – place for learning