



BILLIE AND THE MOUNTAIN PLACE

1. Imagine you are Billie, living in a big city. What are some of the sights, sounds, and smells you might experience there?
2. What season does Billie visit the mountain place?
3. Billie is very prepared for her journey and packs a lot of useful things. If you were going on this trip with Billie, what three items would you pack in your backpack?
4. The author, Nicholas Bucholtz, uses similes to make his writing interesting and descriptive. A simile is a way to describe something by comparing it to something else using "like" or "as." For example, "beautiful fields surround the train like a giant patchwork blanket." Can you find any more similes in the story?
5. How do we know Billie's grandparents are excited to see her? Find a sentence or two in the story that shows their excitement.
6. In what ways is Billie similar to her grandfather? List two similarities you notice in the story.
7. What are two things Billie enjoys doing when she visits the mountain place?
8. The mountain place is beautiful, with plenty of nature to explore and a cosy house to stay in. But what do you think makes the mountain place extra special for Billie?
9. Think about your own favourite place in the whole world. What makes you feel happy and safe there? Why is this place so special to you? Write a short paragraph describing your special place.
10. Now, using your art skills, draw a picture of your happy place. Be sure to include the details that make it special to you!

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