Desert Hiking

Jack and Randy hiked with Dad in the desert. Jack looked at the small thermometer in his hand. “Wow! This handy little digital device shows 98 degrees,” he said. “I’m glad we played it safe and have an extra thermos of cool water.”

“Safety is important when hiking in the desert,” agreed Dad.
“Looking at this little thermometer makes me feel even hotter,” announced Jack. “I’m going to hide it out of my sight for a while.”

Dad and his boys continued on their walk. They were glad they wore visors and sunglasses to protect their vision in the bright sun.

Suddenly Dad signaled the boys to stop and be silent. He pointed to a tiny lizard. The boys looked as the lizard scampered away.

“Hey,” said Randy. “That’s why we keep seeing signs along this trail with a picture of a lizard. The trail we’re on is called Lizard Trail.”

“We saw visible proof!” said Jack.

The hikers continued. “Whew,” said Jack. “Even in the thin cloth of this hiking shirt, I sense that the temperature has climbed up.”

“I feel it too,” replied Randy. “My clothes are soaked with sweat. I’m too sensitive to heat. Why don’t you check your thermometer, Jack?”

Jack pulled out the thermometer and said, “Great. It shows 75 degrees! That’s better.”

“What!” exclaimed Dad. “My body has a real sensation of higher heat, not lower.”

“Well, that’s probably because I hid the thermometer in the thermos of cool water,” smiled Jack. “But just seeing this thermometer say 75 degrees makes me feel much cooler!”