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Philip in the tunnel



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**Philip goes shopping
with Mum and Dad,
but he gets lost.**

**Suddenly he finds
himself in a
dark tunnel.
The door slams shut behind him.**

**How can he get out?
There are dangerous things
in the darkness.**



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Chapter 21

I step into water with one foot.
The foot gets wet at once.
I stand in a water puddle.
I jump to the other side of the puddle.
It is not big.

Where does the water come from?
I turn the torchlight down,
but the light goes out.

I put it on again.
The light is faint.
The battery is almost empty
in the mobile phone.

I am such an idiot!
I have emptied the battery
by playing games.
Why did I have to play so much?
The battery was probably
not fully charged, either.

Now I need the phone
and the battery.
– I promise myself
and the whole world, I say aloud.
I will never again play
any phone games!

My voice echoes in the tunnel.
– Games, games, the tunnel answers.

I flash the light onto the walls.
They are all wet.
Water is dripping from the ceiling
and running down the walls.

Then the light goes out.
I cannot light it again.
The tunnel feels dangerous again.

I am standing still in the darkness.
I can see nothing.
I can hear only the water dripping.
Then I hear a noise.

What kind of noise?
Wait a moment. People make noise.
There must be people in the tunnel.

The noise comes
from deep inside the tunnel.
I start walking.
Splash! I step into water again.

I hop to the right.
Here it is dry.
I touch the wall with my hand.
Then I take three more steps ahead.
Bang! Ouch!

I hit my head on the wall
and suddenly I see stars.

My head aches
and I have a bump on my forehead.
I also have a scratch.
I can feel blood on my fingers.

This is the end of the tunnel
and there is no exit.
I was mistaken.

The sound must come
from an air-hole.
Wait... What is that sound?
I hear the noise again.
The tunnel continues
and there are people ahead.

Then I notice
that I have dropped my phone.