


SAVED BY AN MP3 PLAYER!



Sophie Frost, a schoolgirl from England, felt very lucky when her grandmother gave her an MP3 player as a present. She didn't know just how lucky she was, however. When an unexpected accident happened a few days later, the MP3 player probably saved her life!

14-year-old Sophie was going for a walk with her friend, Mason Billington, when it started raining. The two friends took shelter from the rain under a tree and were sitting together when lightning struck. The lightning hit them both and they lost consciousness. Then Mason woke up and carried Sophie to the nearest road in order to get help. A car stopped and took them to hospital. Sophie had some burns on her chest and legs. She also had some damage to her eyes and ears, but fortunately she quickly recovered.

How did Sophie's MP3 player prevent her from having serious injuries? When the accident happened, she wasn't listening to music on the player, but was wearing it around her neck. Doctors believe that the lightning travelled through the wire of the MP3 player instead of through Sophie's body. Even though she was lucky this time, one thing's for sure. The next time there's a storm, she and her friend won't sit underneath a tree!

Read the report and put the events in order.

a)	It started raining.	
b)	Sophie went to hospital.	
c)	Sophie and her friend went for a walk.	
d)	Sophie's grandmother gave her a present.	
e)	An accident happened.	

Answer these questions. Your answer should not be more than three words.

1) What did Sophie's grandma give her?

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2) Where were Sophie and her friend when lightning struck?

They were _____.

3) How did Sophie go to hospital?

_____ took Sophie and her friend there.

4) Where was Sophie hurt?

Sophie's _____ and ears were hurt.

5) Where was Sophie's MP3 when the accident happened?

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6) What part of the MP3 player did the lightning go through?

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