

The Day the Lights Went Out (WhatsApp Chat)

Liam and Ella are two British teenagers living in Lisbon, Portugal. One evening, there was a big blackout in Portugal and Spain. Now, they are chatting on WhatsApp about what happened during the power cut.

WhatsApp Chat

Liam: Hey Ella! Did u see what happened on Monday night? 😲

Ella: Omg yes! The lights went out in our whole street! 😱

Liam: Same here! I was doing homework and boom – no power ⚡📱

Ella: First, I thought it was only our house 🏠

Ella: But then I looked outside – no lights anywhere! 🚗

Liam: My mum checked her phone 📱 and said it was all over Portugal AND Spain PTES

Ella: I was in my online class 🧑 After that, my screen just went black! Couldn't finish 😭

Liam: Haha same! My lil bro was scared 😬

Ella: Next, we used candles 🕯️ It was like camping inside! 🏕️

Liam: We played cards while we waited ♠️♥️

Ella: Finally, the power came back after a few hours 🙌

Liam: Yeah, but it felt like the world stopped for a bit 🌍⏸️

Ella: True! No power, no Wi-Fi... but at least we had a proper chat 😊

Vocabulary Box

Blackout: When electricity stops working in a large area.

Power: Electricity used for lights, machines, etc.

Screen: The part of a computer or phone where you see things.

Candles: Wax with a flame used for light.

Wi-Fi: Wireless internet connection.

Abbreviations and Expressions

u: you

omg: oh my god (used to show surprise)

lil bro: little brother

lol: laugh out loud

btw: by the way

🥳 : used to show happiness or celebration

😬 : used to show nervous laughter or relief

😂 : used to show laughter

😫 : used to show tiredness or frustration

😱 : used to show surprise or shock

Comprehension Questions

1. Where do Liam and Ella live?
2. What happened on Monday night?
3. What did Ella do after the lights went out?
4. How did Liam's family spend time during the blackout?
5. What did both teens say about not having Wi-Fi?