

SAVED BY AN MP3 PLAYER!



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

14-year-old Sophie was going for a walk with her boyfriend, Mason Billington, when it started raining. They immediately ran and sat under the nearest tree but while they were sitting together, lightning struck. The lightning hit them both and they fainted. When Mason

woke up, Sophie was lying on the ground, so he carried her to the nearest road to get help. A car stopped and took them to hospital. Sophie had some burns on her chest and legs. She also had some problems in her eyes and ears but fortunately she got better soon.

How did Sophie's MP3 player help? Was Sophie listening to music when lightning struck? No, she wasn't. When the accident happened, Sophie wasn't listening to music on her MP3 player but she was wearing it around her neck. Doctors believe that the lightning didn't travel through Sophie's body. It travelled through the wire of the MP3 player instead!

Sophie was lucky this time – but she learnt her lesson. Next time there is a thunderstorm, she is not going to sit under a tree!



Read for general ideas > Number the events in the correct order.

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

Read for details > Answer.

- 1 What did Sophie's grandma give her? _____
- 2 Who was with Sophie when it started raining? _____
- 3 What did they do when it started raining? _____
- 4 Who did the lightning hit? _____
- 5 How did Sophie go to hospital? _____
- 6 Where was the MP3 player when the accident happened? _____
- 7 Why did the MP3 player save her life? _____