

Beating the Rain

The rain had been falling for days. The river was rising and the Garcia family was beginning to be concerned about a flood. They watched the news, but there was no weather warning.

Mr. and Mrs. Garcia discussed the storm with the children. They decided to pack up as much as they could and go to Aunt Maria's house for a while. She didn't live very far away.

Everyone was in the car and the bags were in the trunk. With Mrs. Garcia at the wheel, they pulled out of the garage into the storm. She drove cautiously, avoiding the sections of the road where the water might be too deep. As the car turned the corner, everyone glanced back at the house. They didn't know if it would be there when they returned.

When they came to the bridge over the river, Mrs. Garcia stopped the car because the water was actually up to the bridge. Mr. Garcia got out and trudged across the bridge ahead of the car. He wanted to make sure there were no sections of the bridge that were too deep. When he got back in the car, the children all cheered for Mr. Garcia.

At last, they reached the other side and high ground. They were going to be all right. In just fifteen minutes they would arrive at Aunt Maria's house where it was warm, dry, and safe.