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The new camera

‘Wow, Uncle Tony,’ says Mitch, ‘this is a great shot of a bear!’ He’s looking at photographs on the wall of his uncle’s living room.

‘Thanks, Mitch,’ says Uncle Tony. ‘That’s in the Rocky Mountains. I go there every summer and take a lot of photos.’

Uncle Tony lives in Vancouver, Canada. Fourteen-year-old Mitch and his twelve-year-old brother, Ben, are staying with him. They’re from England.

‘And I like this shot of the skunk,’ says Mitch. ‘You’re a great photographer.’

‘Thanks,’ says Uncle Tony. ‘Hey, do you want to see my new camera?’

‘Yeah!’ says Mitch.

Uncle Tony gets his new camera.

‘Wow!’ says Mitch. ‘It’s great.’

Uncle Tony says, ‘Hey, Ben. Stop playing on the computer. I want to take a photo of you two boys with my new camera. Smile, boys!’

Click! He takes a photo. They all look at it on the camera’s small screen.

‘I’m going to email this to your mother, boys,’ says Uncle Tony. Then he says, ‘Hey, Mitch. It’s your birthday soon. You can have my old camera. That can be your birthday present. Do you want it?’

‘Oh, yes, please,’ says Mitch.



Uncle Tony goes and gets the camera. 'Here it is, Mitch. Be careful with it.'

'Wow! Thanks, Uncle Tony,' says Mitch. 'Smile, Uncle Tony! Smile, Ben.'

Click! Mitch takes a photo of them. They all look at it.

'It's not bad,' says Uncle Tony.

'I'm going to email it to Mum,' says Mitch.

'Be careful – don't delete it,' says Uncle Tony. 'It's easy to delete photos.'

'I want to play *Need for Speed 2* on the computer,' says Ben. 'Come on, Mitch.'

But Mitch says, 'No, I don't want to play. I want to take photos.'

Click! Click! Click!

'Look, Ben – here's a photo of the back of your head. And this is your ear!'

'Stop it!' says Ben. 'Stop taking photos of me.'

'It's okay. I can delete them. See?' says Mitch, and he deletes the photos.

Then Uncle Tony says, 'Hey, boys – do you like hockey?'

'I like all sports,' says Mitch. 'But hockey isn't a big game in England. I play football.'

'And what do you play, Ben?'

'Computer games!' says Ben.

'Well, I love hockey,' says Uncle Tony, 'and I'm going to take you two to a game tonight. The Vancouver Giants are playing. And listen, Mitch, the Giants have a prize for the best photograph by a school student at a game.'

'Do they? What's the prize? What can I win?' asks Mitch.

'People email their shots to the Giants, and they put the winning shot on their website. And the winning photographer gets fifty dollars.'

'Wow – I want to win that fifty dollars!' says Mitch.