Ollie: What time is it? Oh, hi, Mum. It's a bit early, isn't it?
Sophie: Oh, yes, I suppose it is. Look, Ollie, I've got to ask you a really huge favour …
Ollie: Slow down, Mum. I'm not awake yet.
Sophie: Sorry, love. It's just that I've got a bit of a problem. I've broken down …
Ollie: Hang on, you're in a desert in the middle of Australia, aren't you?
Sophie: It's not exactly a desert, you know. It's called the outback.
Ollie: Mum! It's really dangerous to get stuck out there!
Sophie: It's not so bad, but I need you to find someone in Alice Springs who will come and get me. Tell them that I'm about two hours away on the Stuart Highway, south of Alice. I can't look for information because there's no mobile coverage here and I can't get the internet.
Ollie: So how are you phoning me?
Sophie: On my satellite phone, of course.
Daisy: What's going on? Mum isn't in trouble, is she?
Ollie: Yes …
Sophie: No, I'm fine. I've got plenty of food and water.
Ollie: But it must be really hot out there.
Daisy: Oh, we told you not to drive in the outback on your own, didn't we?
Sophie: Listen, you two, I'm absolutely fine. I just need a bit of help with a phone call. These things happen when you travel independently. You can't expect to see the world without a few little problems.
Daisy: Uh oh, I can feel the travel versus tourism lecture coming on.
Sophie: That's enough from you two. Ollie, the satellite number is on the fridge. Give me a call when you've arranged something.
Ollie: OK, Mum, it's your phone bill. Keep cool!
Sophie: I'll try. Bye loves, and thanks!
Ollie: I think she might be getting a bit old for this sort of travelling, don't you?
Daisy: Nah, she'll be OK. She's a lot tougher than you or me. I can't imagine her doing anything else, can you?

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