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Significant
Characters

Zach made new friends during a summer visit with his grandmother in San Antonio, Texas. During the visit, Zach, Ricky, and Rene enjoyed a day at Schlitterbahn Waterpark located near San Antonio in New Braunfels, Texas. Zach, who is now back home in Oklahoma, wanted to speak with Ricky and Rene by videophone.

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Videophones allow people to have phone conversations while seeing each other by video camera. Zach mailed a picture to Ricky and Rene that his grandmother took at the waterpark. He wanted to see if his new friends had

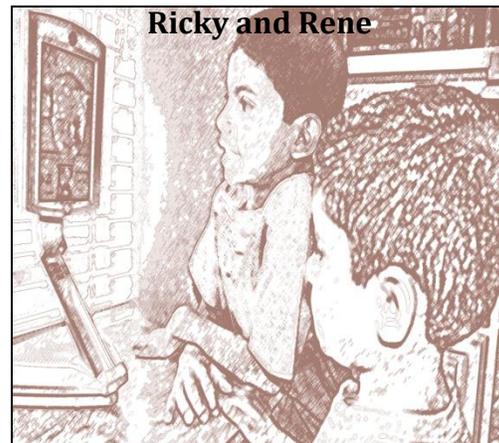
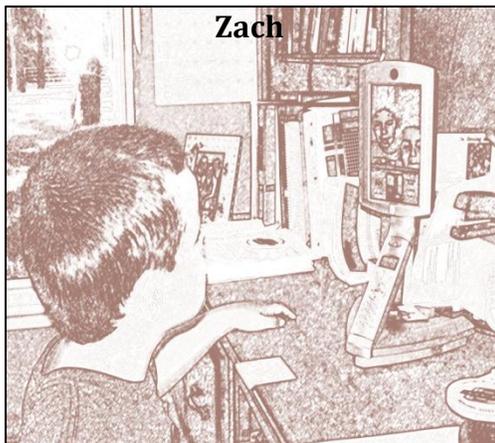
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Occasion

received the picture. Here is the videophone conversation Zach had with Ricky and Rene.

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- 1 **Zach:** Hi, Ricky! Hi, Rene! What's up?
- 2 **Ricky:** Hi, Zach. It's good to *see* you again.
- 3 **Rene:** Hi, Zach. It is good to talk to you again.
- 4 **Zach:** I really miss hanging out with you guys. Visiting my grandmother is always great. Thanks to you guys, my visit this summer was extra fun.

5 **Ricky:** I sure am glad my mom is friends with your grandma.

6 **Rene:** I'm glad my mom and your grandma like to hang out so we can hang out every time you visit.

7 **Zach:** Did you get the picture that my grandma took of us at Schlitterbahn? I mailed it to you.

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8 **Ricky:** Yes, we got it yesterday in the mail.

9 **Zach:** I'm going to put the picture in a frame so I can remember what a great time we had at the waterpark.

10 **Rene:** Yeah, we are going to frame the picture too. It was a great summer day to remember.



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11 **Ricky:** Well, have you talked to your mom about when you can visit San Antonio again? I mean, visit your grandma again.

12 **Zach:** Sure did. She said we are all going to San Antonio as a family to visit for Thanksgiving holiday.

13 **Ricky:** That's great!

14 **Rene:** Yeah, we will have a break from school for the Thanksgiving holiday.

15 **Zach:** Cool! I love seeing my grandma. I will also look forward to seeing you guys. Well, I had better go. I just wanted to make sure you got the picture.

Outcome

16 **Ricky:** Okay, buddy. See you soon.

17 **Rene:** Yeah, see you and talk to you soon, Zach. Bye.

18 **Zach:** Bye, guys

While Zach, Ricky, and Rene discuss their summer visit during a videophone conversation, Zach makes sure they got the picture that he mailed to them.



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