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Un verano en Oregon

A vivid A2 story about a family road trip, unexpected weather, and discovering Oregon's natural beauty.

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Get ready

Daniel and his family take their first road trip through Oregon. Read to discover how a change in the weather creates their favorite memory.

Before you begin

What do you pack for a summer trip? Write four items.

Meet Daniel

 DANIEL

Daniel is 18 and lives near Portland with his parents and younger sister, Marisol. After a busy school year, the family plans a five-day trip to the Oregon coast and the mountains.

Reading goal

Notice the past-tense verbs and words used to describe landscapes and changing weather.

THE STORY · PART 1

The road to the coast

In July, Daniel's family packed the car before sunrise. They brought jackets, food, a tent, and a paper **map**.

Their first **destination** was Cannon Beach. Daniel's father drove while the rest of the family watched forests and small towns pass by.

After two hours, they reached the **coast**. The air smelled salty, and a cool wind came through the open windows.

They walked onto the wide beach and saw a huge rock rising from the water.

'It looks even bigger than in the pictures,' Marisol said.

The family followed a sandy **trail** near the ocean. They looked for colorful birds and small sea animals.

At low tide, a park worker showed them a **tide pool** filled with green plants, tiny fish, and orange sea stars.

'Please watch your step,' she said. 'These animals are delicate.'

Daniel took photos, but he also put his phone away for a while. He wanted to remember the sound of the waves.

That evening, they ate warm soup at a small restaurant and watched the **sunset** turn the sky pink and gold.

THE STORY · PART 2

A change of plans

The next morning, the family drove east toward Mount Hood. Their plan was to camp beside a lake.

At first, the sky was clear. Later, dark **clouds** appeared above the trees.

When they arrived at the campground, heavy rain began to fall.

‘We cannot put up the tent in this **storm**,’ Daniel's mother said.

Everyone felt disappointed. They had imagined swimming, cooking outside, and sleeping under the stars.

Daniel's father checked the map. ‘There is a small mountain town twenty minutes away. We can find a room there.’

The family drove slowly because the road was wet and **foggy**. Soon, they found an old lodge with a wooden porch.

The owner welcomed them and gave them a room with four beds. ‘The weather changes quickly in the mountains,’ she explained.

After dinner, the electricity went out for an hour. The family sat near the fireplace and played a word game by candlelight.

Marisol told a funny story, and everyone laughed.

‘This is not the night we planned,’ Daniel said, ‘but it is still a good night.’

THE STORY · PART 3

A view after the rain

By morning, the storm had passed. Sunlight entered through the window.

The lodge owner suggested a nearby **waterfall**. 'The rain makes it especially beautiful,' she said.

The family followed a forest path. Drops of water shone on the leaves, and the air felt fresh.

After a short **hike**, they heard rushing water. A tall waterfall fell over dark rocks into a clear pool.

Daniel stood quietly and admired the **view**. A rainbow appeared in the mist.

'Yesterday I wanted everything to follow our schedule,' he said. 'Now I am glad the plan changed.'

His mother smiled. 'Travel teaches us to be **flexible**.'

Before returning home, the family visited a farm, bought fresh berries, and stopped beside the Columbia River.

During the drive home, each person chose a favorite moment. Marisol chose the tide pools. Their father chose the sunset. Their mother chose the waterfall.

Daniel chose the dark evening at the lodge, when no one had a phone and everyone talked together.

The trip did not go exactly as planned, but the unexpected moments made it **memorable**.

Sometimes the best part of a journey is the part you did
not plan.

Words for nature and travel

Find each bold word in the story. Read it in context before checking the Spanish meaning.

map	mapa
destination	destino
coast	costa
trail	sendero
tide pool	poza de marea
sunset	puesta del sol
clouds	nubes
storm	tormenta
foggy	con neblina
waterfall	cascada
hike	caminata
view	vista
flexible	flexible / adaptable
memorable	inolvidable

COMPREHENSION

Check your understanding

A. Choose the best answer

1. What is the family's first destination?

- a) Mount Hood b) Cannon Beach c) Portland

2. What does the park worker show them?

- a) A tide pool b) A farm c) A lodge

3. Why can they not camp?

- a) The tent is missing b) The lake is closed c) A storm begins

4. What happens at the lodge?

- a) The electricity goes out b) They go swimming c) They watch television

5. What is Daniel's favorite memory?

- a) The sunset b) The lodge evening c) The waterfall

B. True or false

1. The family travels in winter. **TRUE / FALSE**
2. Daniel puts his phone away at the beach. **TRUE / FALSE**
3. The road is dry and clear during the storm. **TRUE / FALSE**
4. A rainbow appears near the waterfall. **TRUE / FALSE**
5. Every family member chooses the same favorite moment. **TRUE / FALSE**

C. Past-tense verbs

Complete with: **packed** • **reached** • **found** • **suggested**

1. They _____ the car before sunrise.
2. They _____ the coast after two hours.
3. The family _____ an old lodge.
4. The owner _____ a nearby waterfall.

COMPREHENSION

Think and use English

D. Answer in a complete sentence

1. What did the family see at the tide pool?

2. How did the storm change their plans?

3. What did they do when the electricity went out?

4. Why was the waterfall especially beautiful?

5. What lesson did Daniel learn about travel?

E. Write about a trip

Describe a real or imaginary trip in 4-5 sentences. Say where you went, what you saw, what changed, and your favorite moment.

ANSWER KEY

Review your work

A. Multiple choice

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. a 5. b

B. True or false

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False

C. Past-tense verbs

1. packed 2. reached 3. found 4. suggested

D. Suggested answers

1. They saw green plants, tiny fish, and orange sea stars.
2. They could not camp, so they stayed at a mountain lodge.
3. They sat by the fireplace and played a word game by candlelight.
4. The rain made the waterfall powerful, and a rainbow appeared in the mist.
5. He learned to be flexible because unexpected moments can become the best memories.

KEEP GOING

Practice: Last summer, I went to _____. My favorite moment was _____.

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