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Chapter 1

An Interesting Competition

“Ari!” called Mum. “It’s time to get up. You’re going to be late for school!”

Ari yawned and looked at his clock. It was 8:45 am, which gave him only fifteen minutes to get dressed and have breakfast. Then he would have to log on to his computer to start school for the day.



As Ari got dressed, he looked out through his bedroom window. The sun was already beating down on the wheat growing on his family's farm.



Ari made it to the computer just in time. His older brother, Luke, had already logged on to his own lesson at the other end of the room.

Ari could see his classmates on the screen. They all lived on remote farms like his.



“I have some interesting news today,” said his teacher, Ms Tomasi. “I know how much you all love digital devices. We’re going to be using them for our next project!”

The class was keen to hear more.

“I’ve just heard about a video-making competition for school students,” said Ms Tomasi. “The judges want you to use the camera on a phone or tablet to make a short video about your life. Your video can show something special about your home, or hometown, so other students can see how you live.”



Everyone was excited about the competition – except for Ari. He looked around the living room, and out the window at the fields of wheat.

I don't think I can make a very interesting video about my home, he thought to himself.



Ari's thoughts were interrupted by his classmate Will, who was loudly telling the class that he already had lots of exciting ideas for his video. "I'll show myself riding on the BMX track on our farm," Will said. "And then I'll show myself with Dad, sailing our boat on the bay!"

Will's life is much more exciting than mine, thought Ari, with a sigh. I can't compete with a BMX track and a sailboat.

