



# Stay close, Klara!

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Klara is four.

She is tall with fair hair and blue eyes.

She's quiet but loves to laugh.

Klara has a big sister called Alina and she lives in a small town.

She loves ponies, drawing and watching cartoons.

She hates tomatoes, going to bed and the colour grey.

Klara is good at singing but not so good at keeping her room tidy.

This is what happened to Klara:

One day she went with her mum to the shopping centre. They travelled in the car.

Mum wanted to buy a new hair dryer.

When mum parked the car, Klara undid her seat belt. She wanted to get out by herself. She didn't wait for mum.

Klara opened the car door.

**'Wait,'** said mum.

Klara didn't wait.

Just then, another car came along. The driver parked right next to Klara's car. The driver was going backwards and didn't see Klara.

Mum stepped around and pulled Klara out of the way. It was just in time.

Mum was worried. **'Klara! I've told you to wait for me. You must hold hands near traffic.'**

**'Sorry, mum,'** said Klara. **'I promise I will.'**

They walked around the shopping centre holding hands. They bought a new hair dryer. It was silver and shiny.

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Klara asked if she could let go of mum's hand in the shop. **'There are no cars here, mum,'** she said.

**'Alright, but stay close,'** said mum.

Klara and mum walked back towards the car. As they came to the pavement, a boy rushed past them. He was about 12 years old. He stepped onto the road and a man on a bike shouted, **'Look out!'** The bike nearly hit the boy. Klara reached out and held mum's hand.

They walked along the pavement. Mum told Klara to move across and hold her other hand.

**'What for?'** said Klara.

**'Children must always walk on the side away from the traffic,'** said mum. **'It's safer.'**

The next day, mum took Klara and her friend Sam to a big park. It was a long way so they went in the car.

When they stopped in the car park, they saw the swings. Sam wanted to get out of the car right away.

**'Stop,'** said Klara. **'We need to wait for mum.'**

**'That's right, Sam,'** said mum. **'Well done, Klara.'**

When they got out of the car, Klara told Sam that they needed to hold hands with mum. **'It's to keep safe near traffic,'** said Klara.

**'OK,'** said Sam.

Mum was very pleased. **'Would you two like an ice cream?'** she said.

I bet you can guess the answer.