



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying a blog post. At the top right, there are navigation links for "About me", "Blog", and "Contact". The main heading is "TRAVELING FOR PEACE!". Below the heading, the text reads: "8:25 p.m. Shi-Han wrote: Hi, everyone! I have some news! Next year, I'm going to take a trip on the Peace Boat!". The text continues: "The Peace Boat program started in Japan in 1983. Every year, it organizes trips around the world to teach people about peace, ecology and human rights. During the trip, people can do other activities, too. For example, I'm going to study Japanese, take some Thai cooking classes and try Spanish flamenco dancing, too!". The final paragraph says: "Our trip is going to start in Japan, but the first stop is going to be Indonesia. Then we're going to cross the Indian Ocean to South Africa. After that, the boat's going to sail to South America, with stops in Argentina and Chile. Finally, we're going to cross the Pacific Ocean to Tahiti, and sail back to Japan again. It's going to be fantastic!". There are two images: the top one shows a large white ship with "PEACE BOAT" written on its side, and the bottom one shows two people on a beach collecting trash into a blue bag.

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**STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK**

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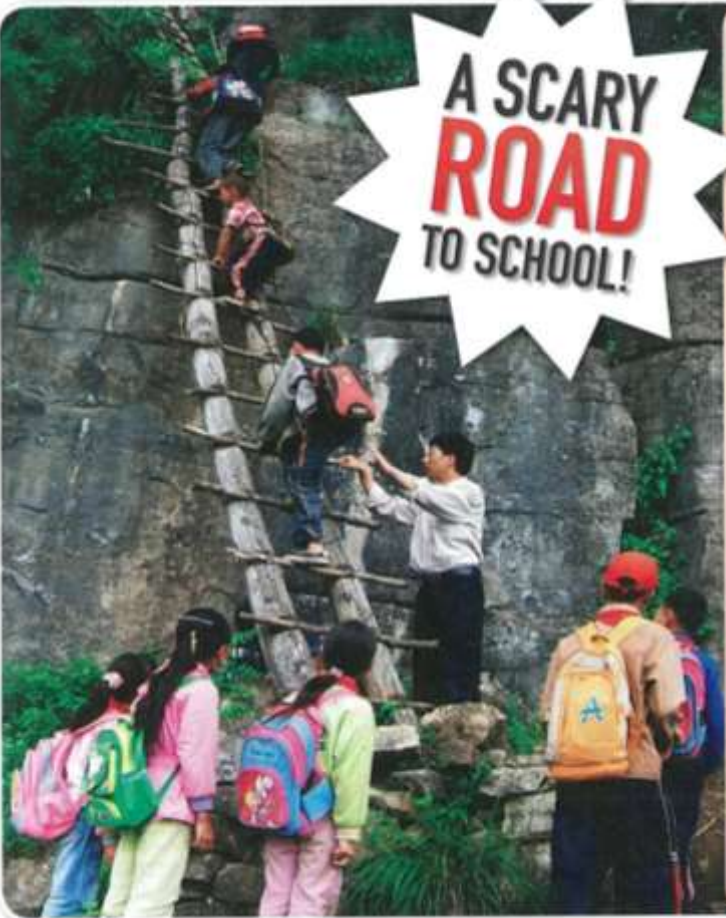
I watched *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* on DVD last Saturday. It's a science fiction movie and it takes place a long

the music. <sup>3</sup>It was very exciting.

The actors were also very good in *The Empire Strikes Back*. My favorite actor was Anthony Daniels. He played a robot called C-3PO and he was very funny. Darth Vader was the scariest character. You never saw his face!

The best part of the movie was the final battle. <sup>4</sup>It was amazing! I thought the ending was interesting, but I don't want to tell you what happened!

**Kathy, Cambridge, UK**



**A SCARY ROAD TO SCHOOL!**

**The little** village of Pili in Xinjiang in China became famous last year. A journalist took photos of the children from the village on their trip to school. The children weren't going to school by bus or car, or even by train – they were climbing and crawling along a narrow mountain path beside a fast-moving river!

**There are** 80 schoolchildren in Pili, but the nearest school is 200 km away. It is very difficult to get from Pili to the school. You walk through four cold rivers, you climb up three dangerous ladders and crawl across four narrow bridges. In some places, you walk along mountain cliffs and you try not to fall off. The river below is fast and deep. It is very scary.

**Education** is important, so the teachers and parents help the children to get to school. Before the school semester starts, the teachers collect the children from the village. The children carry small bags, but they don't have much to eat or drink. It takes two days and one night to complete the trip, so the children live at the school until the end of the semester. At the end of the semester they make the same scary trip back home again to see their families.



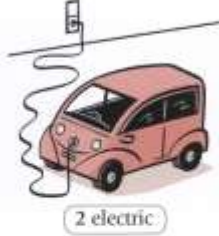
# Vocabulary

## Adjectives for gadgets

2:71 **1** Look at the pictures. Listen and repeat.



1 digital



2 electric



3 miniature



4 portable



5 recyclable



6 solar-powered



7 waterproof



8 remote-controlled

**2** Match the definitions with adjectives in exercise 1.

- 1 You can put it in water. waterproof
- 2 It uses sunlight. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You can carry it with you. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 It uses electricity. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 You can recycle it. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 It's very small. \_\_\_\_\_

2:72 **3 PRONUNCIATION** Listen and repeat. Notice the underlined /ə/ sounds.

controlled digital portable recyclable

2:73 Underline the /ə/ sounds in these sentences. Say the sentences. Then listen and check your pronunciation.

- 1 My mother never uses her computer.
- 2 This e-reader is waterproof and recyclable.
- 3 Does that woman have a digital camera?

**4 TRY IT OUT** Work in pairs. Describe electronic gadgets using adjectives from exercise 1.

*My cell phone isn't waterproof.*

*My brother has a portable DVD player.*