

## **The Silent Message**

Sofia was staring at her phone. The screen showed a notification: New message. It was from Daniel, the boy she had met on vacation. She had spent the last hour debating whether to reply or not.

Her friend Ana sat beside her, and her brother Luis sat across from her. Both noticed Sofia's anxiety.

"What's wrong, Sofi?" Luis asked. "What is your problem? You haven't said a word in an hour. It's because of that message, isn't it?"

Sofia sighed. "I don't know. I'm scared to reply. What if I say something silly and he doesn't like me anymore?"

Ana took the phone from her hand. "Sofia, you are great. You're fun, smart, and kind. What do you have to lose?"

Luis nodded. "Yeah. You can't let your fear win. You have to write him back. Now!"

Sofia took the phone, looked at the notification again, and with a big smile, started typing.