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Lily lived with her mum and dad on the planet Venus, which is a long, long way from Earth. Lily's mum and dad were scientists. It was their job to study Venus. Lily studied Venus, too – as well as maths, English, and everything else! It was just after breakfast, and Lily was starting her Internet lessons, when the holo-phone lit up. It was Dad.



When Lily answered the phone, Dad sounded excited. "We've just had some special news from one of our satellites," he said. "It's found signs of water on one of the highland areas!"

"But there's no water on Venus!" said Lily.

"I know!" said Dad. "But our space cameras saw what looked like tiny trickles of flowing water on the slopes of Aphrodite. Instead of your usual lesson today, we'd like you to go and check it out. Take the Venus Car, fly over to Aphrodite, and see what you can find. It's a long way, so you should leave soon. Make sure you're back by the end of the day."



Lily went to prepare the Venus Car. The Venus Car would protect her when she was outside her home. The air on Venus is poisonous to people, but Lily would be safe inside the Venus Car.

Roberto the Robot came to help Lily load her gear in the back of the Venus Car. First, they loaded Lily's scientific tools. Then, they loaded her special camera. Last, they loaded her rock sample boxes. Finally, Roberto tidied the gear neatly.

