

Adventure on the River

Paco had never done anything like whitewater rafting. Even though he was a good swimmer who loved adventure, he knew this trip would be very different. Paco was feeling scared.

“Ready yet?” said his dad.

“Yes,” said Paco. But he didn’t look very sure.

Paco and his parents put on safety gear. Then they climbed into a small boat filled with air. This was the raft. Their guide handed them paddles. They began moving down the river. The waves were gentle here. Up ahead, though, things would be very different.

“Get ready,” the guide said. Paco heard a loud roar. Around a bend, he saw big rolling waves. The water seemed to be turning white.

The guide steered through the waves. Water splashed into the boat. The waves threw them from side to side.

“Hold on!” shouted the guide.

Just then, they hit a wave hard. They took a big bounce. Paco seemed to fly up and out. Suddenly, he was in the water. For a moment, no one could see him. Time seemed to stand still. Where was he? Then his head popped up out of the water. The guide steered over to him. He pulled him on board.

“That was great!” laughed Paco. “This is fun!”

Everyone laughed. Now Paco knew he could handle the next big wave—and the next. He was having the time of his life.

1. What is this story mainly about?
2. What made Paco fall out of the raft?