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Fire

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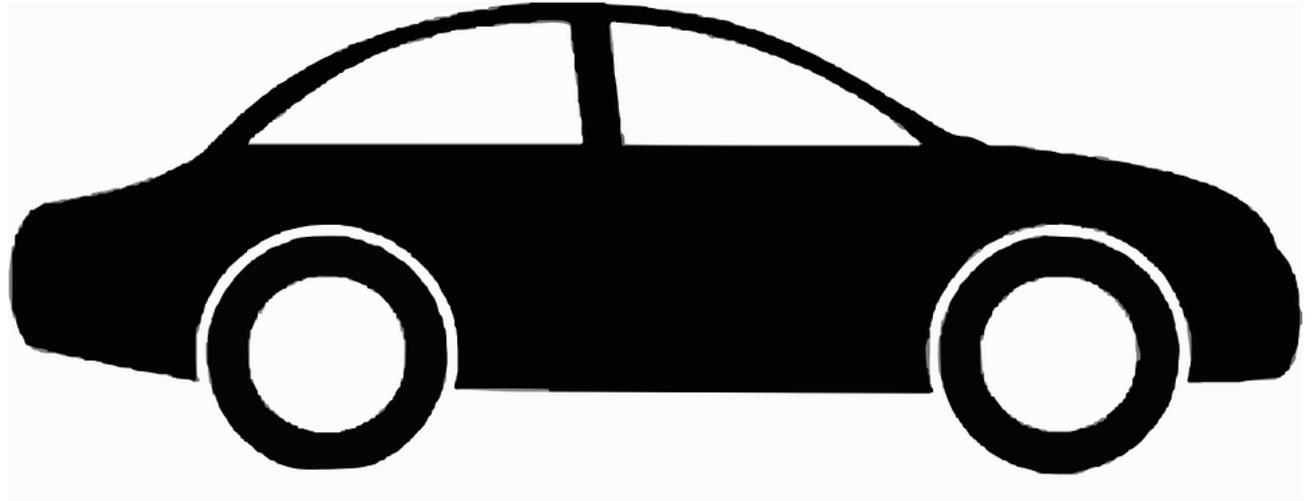
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There was a bush fire near your
house



You might have been able to smell
and see the smoke.



To stay safe, you might have had to pack up some of your toys and leave your house. The fire is dangerous, and might hurt you if you stay in your house.



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You might have seen the fire
fighters trying to stop the fire



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The fire has stopped. The grass and trees around your house may have been burnt



Your house might have been burnt.
It might look different, and you
might feel scared. It is ok to feel
scared.



You might have to live somewhere else for a while, until it is safe to go back to your own house.



It might feel scary living somewhere different. Mom and Dad will be there to look after you.



When you miss your old house, you can talk to mom/dad about it. You can also draw a picture about it.



If you feel scared or confused you
can speak to someone about it.



As long as you're with your family,
you will be ok.