A New Zealand Adventure

Sarah and Jessica arrive in New Zealand for a holiday. They find a mobile phone in the taxi from the airport. It is Michael’s mobile, but they can’t find him? He has messages from home – are they important? Go with the girls on a New Zealand adventure.

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Sarah and Jessica are going to New Zealand for a holiday.
They are very excited.

Jessica is near the window. ‘Look!’ she says, ‘There’s Auckland! We’re here!’
‘But we’re late,’ Sarah answers. ‘When’s our bus?’
‘At one o’clock,’ Jessica says. ‘We can get a taxi from the airport to the bus station.’
At the airport, the girls look for a taxi.

‘Look!’ Jessica says. ‘That boy’s waving to us!’

‘Excuse me! Are you late?’ the boy calls to them. ‘Do you want this taxi? I can wait.’

‘Thank you very much!’ the girls answer.

‘To the bus station, please,’ Sarah says to the driver.

She smiles at the boy and they drive away.
The taxi stops at the bus station. Suddenly, Jessica sees a mobile phone on the taxi floor.

‘Is that your mobile phone?’ she asks the driver.

He looks at it. ‘No,’ he answers. ‘It’s the boy’s mobile.’

Sarah takes it. ‘Perhaps I can find his address,’ she says. ‘Yes! His name’s Michael. Tomorrow he’s at Ninety Mile Beach. We can give it to him there.’
The girls wait at Ninety Mile Beach. They eat and watch the buses. The buses aren’t driving on a road – they are driving on the long beach.

‘Look for Michael!’ Jessica says. But Sarah is looking at the sea.

Suddenly, Jessica sees him. ‘He’s on that bus!’ she says. She waves. Michael waves to her, but the bus doesn’t stop.
The girls get on a bus.

‘Can we catch him?’ Jessica asks.

‘I don’t know,’ Sarah answers. ‘I can’t see his bus now.’

Suddenly, they hear a beep. Sarah looks at the mobile.

‘There’s a message for Michael,’ she says. She reads the message. ‘It’s important,’ she says. ‘Perhaps we can find him tomorrow at the Sky Tower in Auckland.’
At the Sky Tower, the girls can’t see Michael.

‘He isn’t here,’ Sarah says. A woman bungy jumps from the tower. ‘I can do that,’ she says. ‘Are you coming, Jessica?’

‘No,’ Jessica answers. ‘But I can watch you from here.’

‘Please watch my bag too,’ Sarah says. She gives her bag to Jessica and she goes up the tower.