



# When Will The Ship Come?

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Hurray! 2025-11-03 the ship will reach Miangas. The ship is carrying a lot of goods. Including my new shoes.  
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My, what strong winds! The waves must  
be tall. The ship can't sail here. shoes will  
definitely be late!  
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What can you do? I have to be more careful today. don't want to damage my shoes further. Gerson and Cecil walk slowly with me.  
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Hey, some kids are playing with a jump rope made of rubber bands. I tie my shoes with rubber bands?  
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They give me two rubber bands. I tie my shoes with them. It works!  
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The bell rings., hurry! Don't be late.  
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Oops, it broke! My shoe has a gaping hole again.  
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Ms. Teacher has some extra tape.I have some? the tape can keep my shoes together.  
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Wow, it works!  
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Now my shoes are no longer broken.



Oh, the tape becomes loose after a while. My shoe is broken again.

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I really want my new shoes. But all I can do is wait. It's boring. I'll invite my friends to play.

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Gerson has to dry some coconuts first. This dried coconut is called copra. The copra will be sold to another island. Sadly, the ship hasn't arrived yet. I'll help to make the chore go by quicker.!



Look, it's Cecil.'s looking for *laluga*  
Laluga: a plant commonly eaten  
when there is no rice.  
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Harvesting laluga is not easy. You have to dig up the soil first. Then you pull out the stem., it's so heavy! The tuber must be huge.  
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Huh, it's so tiny! frowned. She wants the ship to come quickly with the rice.  
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Gerson shouted excitedly. Come quickly, it's  
the ship!rice! Carry copra!  
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Oh, right. I'm not the only one waiting for the ship to arrive. Everyone is waiting for the ship to arrive., it is getting late. We have to go home. It seems the ship will only come tomorrow.



Yay, the ship is finally here! is busy. Things are being loaded and unloaded.



Everyone is happy!

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