

Please read and fill in the blanks with the correct words

At the Water Hole



Beck and Jim are in a blue rusty truck. They're on their way to the famous water hole in _____ of town. It's quite the _____ whenever someone new comes to visit. It's a place where the locals gather to take a swim in the fresh sparkling water with a nearby waterfall. Swimming there has always been a wonder for everyone. Unfortunately, today will not be a day of joy but a day of _____.

Jim, who is new to town, is listening to Beck talk about life in the countryside. Beck opens with, "Hey, I can't wait til ya meet the other folks. There's going to be Jean, Sam, Roberto and Angus. We all _____ each other. I've known them _____." Jim replies. "Absolutely, and again...thanks for the invite. I'm still trying to get used to being away from the city."

The rusty blue truck arrives 100 yards from their _____. But what was a happy fun conversation between the two boys turns into a panic. As the truck descends down a pathway towards the water hole, it doesn't slow down. "I can't stop!", yells Beck. The _____ as it picks up more speed. In seconds, there's a loud crash. Jean and Roberto, who were already at the water hole waiting, raced to the scene. The _____ of the truck causes it to hit the edge of the water hole with great force; causing _____ damage to the front end of the vehicle. Fortunately, Beck and Jim survived the accident _____. Scared and confused, both boys get out and _____ how lucky they were.

"Next time, I'll just ride my bicycle.", laughs Beck. Jim responds, "Whew! You can _____ on the next trip. That was too close and I don't want to experience that again!" Sam and Angus arrive in time to see everyone in great _____. After that day, they all remain great friends forever.



- 1.acknowledge - to be aware of something
- 2.the outskirts - outside of town or city
- 3.since day one - from the beginning of time
- 4.count me out - to exclude oneself
- 5.relief - no longer feeling stress or anxiety
- 6.brakes have gone out = the brakes don't work
- 7.tribulation - causing great trouble or suffering
- 8.severe - very serious in a bad way
- 9.grew up with - from childhood to adulthood; with a particular person/ people
- 10.momentum - strong movement made from speed
- 11.destination - a place you are going to
- 12.talk of the town - interesting event that people are talking about
13. without a scratch - no harm/unhurt