

Scary Stories and Local Legends

Séances 2 et 3

Reading comprehension

On an isolated road around midnight, **in upstate** NY, a man and his girlfriend are driving. Suddenly a car approaches them from behind. "Pull over!" he says. The man **shrugs** and turns on a dirt road. He gets out and talks to the man. "What is it, babe?" the girlfriend asks, but she gets no answer. She shrugged and continued **to browse** through the different radio stations. Then she heard **a crash**. "Babe?" she said hesitantly. She **ran out** of the car and **saw her boyfriend's head bouncing back and forth** on the radio antennae. The back lights were **smashed in**. Screaming, she goes to get her cell phone out of the car. As soon as she opens the car door she hears, "No use. . . No one will answer you." *Submitted by Brittany*

http://www.halloween-website.com/scary_stories.htm

WORD BOX

In upstate = dans le fin fond de l'état

To shrug = hausser les épaules

To browse = to search = chercher

A crash = Un accident

To run out = sortir en courant

She saw her boyfriend's head bouncing back and forth= elle vit la tête de son petit ami se balancer

Smashed in = brisé, écrasé

❶ Read the text and answer the questions:

a) What ?

b) Where ?

c) When ?

d) Who ?

e) Why ?

f) In your opinion, how does this story end?

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② On Halloween, flyers are given to youngsters to prevent them from drinking. The local authorities want them to be more sensible around that problem.

BE SAFE THIS HALLOWE'EN

- Decide not to drink.
- Know your limits.
- Avoid alcohol when feeling down.
- Do not mix drink and drugs.
- Do not leave your friends.
- Plan your safe journey home.
- Make sure parents know your plans.
- Have fun.
- Arrange a meeting place if you and your friends get separated.
- Make sure your mobile phone is charged and if possible that you have credit (remember that emergency calls are always free).

Adapted from www.derrycity.gov.uk/care

EXERCISE

Use modals to turn these sentences into obligations or advice.

Ex.: a) *Decide not to drink*

☛ You *should* not drink.

b) *Do not mix drink and drugs*

☛ You *mustn't* mix drink and drugs.

ROLE PLAY:

Characters: one mother / one father / the child.

You are allowed to have a birthday party at home, but your parents warn you they don't want any hassle around that evening. Exchange!
Then change roles!

You must give advice as in the previous document "Be safe this Hallowe'en".