

A Road-Trip Story

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Ask a group of people to help complete this story. Read the clue below each blank line and ask someone to provide you with a word that fits that description. Encourage silly answers—the result will be funnier! Once all the blanks are filled in—and only then—read the entire story aloud. And if you send your completed story to Silly Stories, COBBLESTONE, 30 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH 03458, we'll print the best ones in a future issue.



It was that time of year again.

My family packed all our _____ into the _____ to
(plural noun) (vehicle)

set out on our summer road trip. This year, my dad decided to

_____ across the country, from New Hampshire to Arizona.
(verb)

I wondered how long it would take for us to drive cross-country—surely

we would have fewer setbacks than Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson did in

1903! After all, it's _____. All the roads are paved.
(year in the future)

After a few days driving along the Interstate Highway System, we

reached _____. I noticed a _____ body of water. "Look
(famous city) (adjective)

kids, it's Lake _____," my mom said. "That's a lake? It looks like
(proper noun)

an ocean!" I exclaimed.



Our next big stop was in South Dakota. We found ourselves staring up at the _____ presidential _____ on Mount Rushmore.
(number) (plural body part)

"You know, more than 90 percent of this was carved using _____," my brother said.
(noun)

After several more days of playing car games, eating warm _____ and listening to my brother's bad singing, we reached _____ stone
(type of food) (color)

National Park. The best part of the day was seeing Old Faithful erupt with _____, like a giant _____! Shortly after that,
(liquid) (noun)

we hiked in the Grand Tetons and discovered facts about the _____ and _____ that live there.
(plural small animal) (plural large animal)

"Where are we going next?" my sister asked as we all got into the car. "It's a surprise," my brother replied. I noticed lots of signs for Route 66 while playing the alphabet game. We passed diners, motels, and _____ with an historic look to them. It was really _____!
(plural noun) (adjective)

On our last few days on the trip, we _____ made it to the Grand Canyon. All of us were excited to stretch our _____ and see the sites. I felt so small next to the giant valley that was below me. The Grand Canyon was _____!
(adverb) (plural body part) (adjective)

You know, it was a pretty _____ family trip in the end. I don't know where we'll go next summer, but I'm sure it'll be _____.
(adjective) (adjective)

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(verb)

