



Dave Hill and his friend Beth Costa are talking on the phone about a sports competition that Beth saw on Saturday.

Beth: I didn't see you on Saturday. What happened?

Dave: Oh, I went to the new wildlife park with my parents and my little sister.

Beth: Are you out of your mind? I can't believe you missed the competition.

Dave: Uh, my folks said I had to go to the wildlife park with them for some family time together. I was stuck!

Beth: Aw, man, how unlucky can you get?

Dave: Exactly. But I want to hear about the competition. What did I miss?

Beth: Oh, it was so exciting! It's unbelievable what those guys can do on a skateboard. And the ramps were so cool!

Dave: Um, did anybody fall?

Beth: Yeah, a couple of people did. But everybody wears helmets and all that other stuff.

Dave: Right. So, did Kent Larson win again?

Beth: Mm-hm. He got a really cool medal for first place. He's such an incredible athlete!

Dave: Yeah. Well, I'll definitely go next time.

Mrs. Hill: Oh, Dave! Come see the pictures from the wildlife park! There's one of you and your sister feeding the animals that's just adorable. You guys look so happy.

Beth: What's your mother talking about?

Dave: Oh, um, nothing. I'll talk to you later, Beth. Bye!

Beth: Bye, Dave.

PICTURES FROM THE SCHOOL DANCE

You look fabulous in these photos! Did it take you a long time to get ready?

No, just about an hour.

But it took more than a month to find the right dress . . . and then it took three weeks to find the perfect shoes.



Really?



Oh, and it took me two weeks to find my favorite ring and necklace. I was convinced I had lost them! But I finally found them.

Finally, the dance was a week away and I was totally ready—I was just missing one little thing.

I bet you were stressed about that!

What?

