Ask a friend or family member to give you words to fill in the blanks in this story before you let them see the story. Then read it aloud for a laugh.



One ______ (adjective) day in late August, my family and I decided to ______ (verb) to the Minnesota State Fair.

We _____ (adverb) piled into the car and _____ (verb, past tense) to the nearest park

'n ride lot. When we got there, we saw an incredibly _____(adjective) _____ (noun).

No bus had stopped there in the last ______ (unit of time). While we were ______ (verb ending in -ing), (name of family member) pulled a (noun) out of

his/her pocket and we started playing ______ (name of a game). Soon the people in front

of us asked if they could _____ (verb) too. We said, "Sure."

After about ______ (large number) minutes, a bus finally arrived and ______ (verb,

past tense) us to the fair. Once we entered the gate, we went straight for the _____

(favorite food) stand. But we found a sign that said they would be closed for the next _____

(number) days because their stand is full of ______ (animal, plural) that are eating all of

the _____ (food) and _____ (verb ending in -ing) on the floor.

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one building. Just as we ______ (verb, past tense) inside, the animals were beginning to discover that someone had ______ (verb, past tense) all their gates. They were ______ (adjective). ______, (interjection) a fair official yelled. "Close all the doors!" I pulled closed the door we had just entered. Then we all helped ______ (verb) animals back into their stalls. None of them were in the right place, but their owners would sort that out later. All the animals were ______ (adjective).

We got out of that barn ______ (adverb) and decided we needed to ______ (verb) and rest. We found a few remaining ______ (noun) near the Leinie Lodge Bandshell just as the evening's talent contest was about to ______ (verb). The first band up started to play a rock 'n ______ (verb) tune. A young man jammed on the ______ (adjective) keyboard and a young woman ______ (verb, past tense) on the drums. Then it was time for the band leader's solo. She tried to hit a(n) ______ (adjective) chord when her guitar flew out of her hands. She ______ (verb, past tense) backward and grabbed it in midair, but lost her balance, crashed into the drum set, and ______ (verb, past tense) the keyboard. She ______ (verb, past tense) off stage and landed in the front row.

"Is it just me or does everything seem a little ______ (adjective) at the fair today?" I asked. We all agreed it was time to go home. Such a(n) ______ (adjective) day at the fair.

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