

brian's ramblings /2/ callie's house

I was watching cartoons on television when Callie called me. "Would you _____ coming over?" she said. "I've got **a bit of a problem**. I _____ if you could help me."

"What kind of a problem?"

"I was hooking up this **new modem** I got _____ I can communicate with other computers over the telephone, and I _____ my computer. It's broken again."

"Is it doing the same things it did last time it broke?"

"_____ much. I tried **tightening the screws** in the back of the case but it still doesn't _____."

"I think I know what's wrong. I'll be right _____."

I had nothing better to do that morning _____. I rode over to Callie's on my bike. **Callie's house** looks just like ours on the outside, _____ that my father paints ours grey every few years. Timo and I _____ to paint the back of the garage as far up as we can reach. Our **relatives** all come _____ for the day and help us paint. Then when the time comes, we go over to paint their houses.

I like the feeling of these gatherings. My uncles drink a lot of beer, and the kids get to drink _____ much lemonade and iced tea as they want. I get to see my cousins. The **adults** _____ us _____ as if we were the same age, _____ we're helping to do the work. My father hates heights. I _____ to go up the high **ladder** to paint the roof. My father said, "Maybe some other time."

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