

sneaking out ... one

I grew up in a typical American **suburb**. A suburb has lots of small houses and _____ house has a small yard _____ it. It was a nice place _____, but sometimes the kids _____ because **there's not much to do** there _____ up and down the street on a bike. So every time we found ourselves _____ do, we had to _____ how to make _____ – especially in **the summer**.

All the kids in the neighborhood used to sneak out. Sneaking out basically means **leaving the house** at night _____ your parents know. We'd wait until our parents _____ to _____ they wouldn't hear anything, then we'd slip out of the best window or door. _____ of us had _____ **own techniques**. I _____ used the garage door. I'd _____ it really slowly and quietly _____ room _____ out.

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_____ named **Richard** used his basement window because his parents' bedroom was _____ the garage. And **the Johnson children** _____ a good tree _____ next to their bedroom window so they had _____ down. _____ **a tree** like that next to my room and I _____ thought _____. But then I **realized** that _____, it would _____ be a long time before I could use it.

So anyway, sometimes I _____ in bed waiting _____ my friends would come and then I would hear someone **tapping on my bedroom window** and I would open the curtain and see all the kids in the neighborhood standing there. They had to be **very quiet** _____ my parents _____ wake up and discover what we _____ to. After my friends showed up _____ me a minute to get ready and sneak out.

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_____ we were out we had to **figure out** something to do. We usually went swimming, but it was _____ to the pool and **the police would arrest us** if they caught us out late at night. That was the worst _____, actually: If the cops caught you, they took you downtown to the police station and called your parents.

Your parents would wake in the middle of the night to a phone call from the police. _____ that the kid _____ upstairs was _____ held _____ **the station**. Then they had to _____ and drive down to the station to _____.

Then, lord, I always knew I would get _____ my life. But that was _____. The _____ of the police _____ **sneaking out an adventure**. I don't think I _____ it so much if I hadn't known I could get caught. In fact, I _____ once. Let me tell you how it happened _____ happen to you.