

Retelling an Accident Skit

Parts: TV Newscaster, Jason, Friend

Props: Chair, remote control, newspaper, microphone (real, toy, or other object like a ruler or paper towel tube)

Scene: Have Jason sit in the chair, facing the Newscaster, with a newspaper within reach. Have the Newscaster stand with head bowed and microphone down until Jason hits the remote control button. The Friend should stand across the room from Jason.

Jason: Guess I'll see what's on the news. *(Reach for the remote control, press a button, and stare at the "screen" where the Newscaster is standing.)*

Newscaster: *(Hold the microphone up and announce.)* A terrible three-car pileup stopped traffic last night in front of Taco Town. Witnesses say a stray dog dodging traffic may have been the cause of this tragic crash. Onlookers breathed a sigh of relief when two children were pulled safely out of the backseat of a white SUV by rescue workers using the jaws of life.

Jason: *(Turn off the TV and pick up the newspaper. Open it and start reading aloud.)* Yesterday, just after the evening rush, three cars were involved in a wreck that backed up traffic for over an hour. Hit from behind, the driver of a white SUV was forced into oncoming traffic where her vehicle was hit again. The SUV skidded and rolled onto its side, causing all airbags to deploy. *(Look up.)* Wow! *(Back to reading.)* Traffic was stopped for miles around the 700 block of Third Street. Onlookers called 911 when the young mother emerged from the SUV screaming for help. Her two daughters were trapped inside the vehicle for about 25 minutes until rescue workers could get them out using the jaws of life. *(Look up.)* Oh! This is the same accident they just showed on the news. *(Back to reading.)* Two bystanders said there was a large dog darting through traffic just minutes before the crash. Some believe that dog may have caused some cars to swerve. Hmm. Police are looking into all possibilities at this time.

Friend: *(Walk toward Jason then make a knocking sound on a table or wall.)*

Jason: *(Set newspaper down and go pretend to open the door for the Friend.)*

Friend: Hi, Jason. You'd better sit down.

Jason: Why? What's going on? You look so serious.

Friend: Don't freak out, but I have some bad news.

Jason: What? What is it?

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Friend: You know Jamie?

Jason: Sure.

Friend: Well, she and her sister and mom were in a serious car accident yesterday.

Jason: Oh, no!

Friend: Yeah. My mom talked to their mom this morning.

Jason: What happened?

Friend: They had just finished shopping and were on their way home. Jamie's mom said they were still right by the mall when it happened. She said that a car swerved from the other lane for some reason and crashed into the side of their car. The SUV just started spinning out of control into the oncoming traffic.

Jason: That's so scary! Then what happened? Wait! You know, I think I heard about that crash on the news.

Friend: You probably did. Their SUV rolled, and Jamie and her little sister, Dalia, were rescued with the jaws of life!

Jason: Yes. That's definitely the same one I heard about. Did they have to go to the hospital?

Friend: Yes. Ambulances took all three of them to Madison Hospital. The doctors said that Dalia and her mom were bruised and shaken, but they didn't have any serious injuries. They were sent home to rest, but Jamie had to stay overnight.

Jason: Really? Why?

Friend: That's why I'm here. It looks like Jamie has a bad concussion. She's under observation. Mom is taking some of us over to the hospital. We want to pray for her and cheer her up. Want to come?

Jason: Yes! I want to come.

Friend: We'll come by in about an hour.

Jason: Yeah. Thanks for letting me know. I'll see you later.

Friend: *(Leave the house.)*

Jason: *(Mumbling to himself.)* Accidents sure seem different when your friends are involved.

End of Skit