

The **(1) birthday** boy didn't cry, **(2) but** he didn't have anything **(3) to say** about anything either. **(4) He** wouldn't answer when his friend asked him what it felt like to be hit **(5) by** a car. He walked home, and his friend went on **(6) to school**. But after the birthday boy was **(7) inside** his house and was telling his mother about it-she sitting beside him on the sofa, **(8) holding** his hands in her lap, saying, "Scotty, honey, are you sure you feel all right, baby?" thinking she would call the doctor anyway-he suddenly lay back on the sofa, closed his eyes, and went limp. **(9) When she couldn't wake him up**, she hurried to the telephone and called her husband **(10) at work**. **(11) Howard** told her **(12) to remain** calm, remain calm, and then he called an ambulance for the child and left for the **(13) hospital** himself.