

It's raining COWS!

Charles and Linda Everson are on holiday near Lake Chelan, in the northwest of the USA. They are driving back to their hotel. Around them is a beautiful, rocky landscape. The road ahead is clear.

Suddenly an enormous object drops from the sky. It crashes onto the bonnet of the Everson's car.

'What was that?' cries Mr. Everson.

Is he dreaming? No, he's still driving down the empty road. And the front of his car is badly damaged.

Escaped

Mrs Everson looks out through the passenger window. Lying across the road behind them is a very large animal.

'It's a cow!' says Mr Everson. 'Where did it come from?'

They get out and look around the still peaceful landscape. Mrs Everson points to a cliff fifty metres above the road. 'I think it fell from up there!'

They get back in the car. Somehow Mr Everson drives on for another three kilometers. Eventually they come to a shop.

Outside there is a newspaper board. The headline reads: '300 KILO RODEO COW ESCAPES'



Lucky

The shop owner takes the Eversons to hospital. Amazingly, neither is injured. The cow is not so lucky.

'That was a rodeo cow,' a police spokesman later explains. 'It was not a normal cow in a field.'

Mr. Everson, 49, says: 'I'm just glad to be alive. It's raining cows out here!'

True or False



1. The Eversons are travelling on business.
2. They are driving through a lake.
3. Something large falls on the car.
4. The car is damaged.
5. A rodeo cow has escaped

Writing

Imagine you are Mr or Mrs Everson.

Either: Write a letter to the car-hire company explaining what happened to the car.

Or: Write a postcard to your brother/sister/best-friend. Explain what happened.

Speaking & Listening

1. a) Role play what happens when Mr & Mrs Everson arrive at the shop with their smashed car.

Possible roles: Mr & Mrs Everson, Shop-owner, arriving customer, policeman.

b) Role-play a police interview with the cow owner. The cow owner is upset about his dead cow!

Possible roles: Cow owner, policeman/policemen.

Research

- What different foods come from a cow?
- In which religion is a cow sacred?
- How much do cows eat and drink?
- How many stomachs do cows have?
- Name five products that come from a cow.
- Draw a diagram to show how to produce one of these products. For example, *you produce leather by ...*