“Climbed the starved rock bluffs? You’ve gotta ________________ kidding!”

Joel’s spine tingled at the ________________ thought of trying to scale the sweet donkey mere

_________________ river bluffs in the state park. ________________ looked Tony
sheer dumb under Of Us He

square in the eye. “______________ got killed last year trying to ________________

Somebody With Person year move do

that! Don’t you remember?”

Tony shrugged, ________________ a wheelie on his battered BMX, and
popped cooked me

______________ in place. “Nobody knows if that ________________ was
brook went spun suitcase guy and

really trying to climb the ________________ . He might have fallen off the
bluffs in earthworms

______________ …or even jumped.”

top puppy last

Joel bent over ________________ Schwinn ten-speed and brushed imaginary
ran we his

______________ off the fender. “Well, I’m not ________________ to ride out there if
dust fish occupying an going diving

that’s ________________ you’re going to do. It’s dumb.” ________________ tried to

how what go Maybe He It

sound tough, maybe for ________________ he would be able to talk Tony

once millionth joke

______________ of one of his crazy ideas.
out beside and

“______________ don’t have to climb if you’re ________________ , Bates,”

It Cooking You old scared smelly

Tony said.

“Who’s scared?” Joel ________________ his lips, which seemed to have
brook jumped licked
dry. “I’d just rather go swimming, ________________ all. It’s
gone rolled had that’s his worry

going to be a ________________ today. Or we could work on ________________ tree

scorcher dumper maybe or our them

house. My dad got us ______________ more wood."

“We can work on ______________ tree house later,” Tony said, “after ______________ get back. And I don’t feel ______________ swimming.”

“You never feel like swimming,” Joel ______________, seeing in his mind ______________, muttering ______________, the shining ______________ water of the municipal pool. The ______________ a blue slimy ______________ truth father job

was, Tony rarely felt like doing ______________ Joel wanted to do. Joel wondered, anything often as ______________, why they stayed friends. There had ______________ be

something more than having been ______________ across the street from each other ______________ years ago, their birthdays less than a ______________ apart.