

Once when our mother called

She had a voice of last year's cough We passed around the phone Sharing a word (1)_____ Oregon When my turn came, I was ashamed When my turn came, I was ashamed Once when we moved away She came to Romulus for a day Her Chevrolet broke down We prayed it'd never be fixed or found We touched her hair, we (2)_____ her hair We touched her hair, we touched her hair When she had her (3)_____ child Once when she had (4)_____ boyfriends, (5)_____ wild She (6)_____ (7)____ quite far Our grandpa bought us a new VCR We watched it all night We grew up in spite of it We watched it all night We grew up in spite of it We saw her once last fall Our (8)_____ died in a hospital gown She didn't seem to care She smoked in her room and colored her hair I was ashamed, I was (9)_____ of her I was ashamed, I was ashamed of her I was ashamed, I was ashamed of her I was ashamed, I was ashamed of her



- 1. about
- 2. touched
- 3. last
- 4. some
- 5. some
- 6. moved
- 7. away
- 8. grandpa
- 9. ashamed

Fill in the gaps