

Allowances

Haasts Bluff sports weekend

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Knows can be softer. Yellows might still dictate a green word. Books can be filthied and stillread. Little dogs can be stolen and are. Can be tyre bumped and are. Can belong and so there will be sorry, or can be a nothing dog. Camp cup can be all grime, surpassingly grime. Late dust light of the football kicked can be glamour, arc. Eyesoft in desert light can be. Good food can be with chicken salt. Opal petrol can be billboard declared THE LOW AROMATIC CHOICE. Clinic can look closed and have someone cool inside by a manual, asking those questions. Outside, the only white moon for miles is your face, here because *you coming?* and *Don't drink that water you get sore guts*. Palms can turn black; should. Bed can be borderfree and smell is travelling.