**Can Anyone Hear Me?**

 There was an old shrine in a village. One day a storm came and washed the shrine away.

 The next day people looked for the shrine. But they only found a huge hole in the ground. People looked into the mouth of the hole. It was deep and dark. Someone called into it, “Hello? Can anyone hear me?”

 No echo came back.

 A boy picked up a stone and threw it into the hole. He listened, but there was no sound.

 People heard about the hole on TV. They gathered from all around to see it.

 One day a man said to the people of the village, “I’ll build a new shrine for you. But you must give me the hole.” The people of the village agreed.

 The man advertised the hole as a new dump.

 People gave money to the man and dumped many things into the hole. They brought garbage, test papers, old love letters, and so on. Trucks carried industrial waste, nuclear waste, and many other things from far away. Then they dumped everything into the hole.

 A few years went by, but the hole did not fill up. It was very convenient. People stopped worrying about garbage because they now had the perfect dump.

 The sea and sky became clear and beautiful. People built many buildings. The village became a town, and then a city.

 One day a young man was working on the roof of a new building. He heard a voice from the sky. ”Hello ? Can anyone hear me?” it said.

 He looked up, but he saw nothing. There was only the blue sky above him. He started working again. Something fell down from the sky and hit the roof near him. But he did not notice.

 “It was 　　　!”

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＜Pre-reading＞

1. 大きな穴が突然、目の前に現れたら、何をするか日本語でペアと話しあおう。

2. 新出単語の確認をしよう。その後、先生に続いて発音しよう。

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| village |  | garbage |  |
| huge |  | dump |  |
| stone |  | advertise |  |
| pick up |  | a few years |  |
| carry |  | throw |  |

3.　教科書の本文の内容の流れを皆で予想します。話の流れがつながるようにペアで８コマ漫画を完成させて、日本語でそれぞれの絵を説明しよう。



