# The World’s Fastest Indian – Plot Summary

**Complete the following, filling in the gaps.**

In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in 1962, 63-year-old Burt Munro works on his much-modified 1920 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ motorcycle in preparation for taking it to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Salt Flats, in Utah, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where he plans to try it out to see just how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it will go. He is helped and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by his neighbours' son, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

He invites \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being held in his honour; friends sell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to raise money to help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

After a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_race against a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he suffers an attack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is told his racing days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Instead, he borrows money from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and leaves on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from Timaru for Los Angeles, working his passage as a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When he arrives, he makes friends with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Tina, who helps him to buy a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and to retrieve his Indian. He sets out across the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards Wendover. On the way, he loses a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he made in LA; he patches it up with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and spends the night with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an Indian, who gives him a remedy for his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problem. Next day Burt stops at a farm and Ada lends him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fix the wheel. He spends the night with her. He picks up a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on leave from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Rusty accompanies him to Bonneville.

When Speed Week starts, Burt discovers he should have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months earlier; and his Indian fails its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But there is strong support for this friendly man from New Zealand and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is put on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to let Burt run. They decide to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rules, thinking he will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anyway, and grant him a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , to see if he is up to it.

The Indian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it leaves the officials' car behind; they agree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He attempts to fix a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by making a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for balance, but a trial run on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_shows it hasn't worked.

He finishes his timed run blind, after his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_leg, but he has broken the speed record for his class.

Back in Invercargill, Tom answers the phone and is told Burt truly has "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_".

Word Bank

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| Speed wobble | Indian | Tom | His finances | Fran |
| Angina | USA | Goggles blow off | Wheel | Ship |
| Invercargill | Fast | Dance | Bonneville | Encouraged |
| Soldier on | Lead brick | Welding gear | Safety check | Tree branch |
| Raffle tickets | Disastrous | Cheap car | Transvestite | Jake |
| Motorbike gang | The bank | Bend | Prostate | Desert |
| Registered | ‘handling run’ | Are over | Cook | Open road |
| Trailer | Vietnam | He can have a timed run | Badly burned leg | Takes off at such speed |
| The World’s Fastest Indian. | Pressure | Officials | Go very fast |  |