

Listening

5 a  2.1 Listen to three stories. Match speakers 1–3 with topics a–c.

- a a funny incident
- b an annoying day
- c a surprising meeting

b Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Speaker 1 was visiting his old university.
- 2 He was going into a café when he met his old friend.
- 3 While Speaker 2 was walking to the station, she remembered she didn't have her phone.
- 4 When she got to the station, her train was just arriving.
- 5 Speaker 3 was leaving the office when she heard a noise.
- 6 While she was waiting for the security guard, she saw a cat.



7 a  2.2 Listen and notice the pronunciation of **was**. Is it strong or weak?

- 1 While he was visiting his home town, he met an old friend.
- 2 While he was walking to the station, it started to rain.
- 3 While she was waiting, she saw a cat.

b Listen again and repeat.

Speaking

PREPARE

10 You're going to tell a story about a time when you felt frightened, annoyed, embarrassed, surprised, pleased or disappointed. Think about these questions and make notes.

- When/Where did it happen?
- What were you doing at the time?
- What happened?
- How did you feel?
- Why was it annoying/embarrassing etc.?

Grammar

6 Read the grammar box and choose the correct alternatives.

Past simple and past continuous

Use the ¹past simple/past continuous to talk about completed actions and events in the past.

*Last year I **had** an interview for a new job.*

Use the ²past simple/past continuous

- to talk about an action or situation in progress around a time in the past.

*One afternoon, I **was walking** along the street ...*

- to describe the background to a story.

*I **was working** late at the office one night ...*

Use the past continuous and past simple with *when* and *while* to talk about interrupted actions. Use *while* or *while/when* + past continuous and *when* + past simple.

*While I **was walking** through the old town, I suddenly **realised** I was late.*

*She **was** just **leaving** when she **heard** a noise.*

