

SPEAKING FOCUS

Introducing the anecdote

(Right, so) I'm going to tell you about (a great day out).

(OK, so) this is a story about (a day I'll never forget).

This took ¹ place about (a month ago).

Sequencing events in the anecdote

² _____ /When/Just after (we got there, the sun came out).

³ _____ /To begin with, (we were the only people there ...)

As/While (we were sitting there ...)

Suddenly/⁴ _____ of a sudden, (the weather changed).

Describing events vividly

Predictably/⁵ _____ expected (other people soon started ...)

Unexpectedly/Out of the ⁶ _____ , (it started pouring with rain).

Luckily/Fortunately, (after it stopped raining, the sun came out again).

Finishing the anecdote

Without a ⁷ _____ , it was (one of the best days I've had in ages).

When I look back (on that day) now, I feel ...

It turned out to be (an unforgettable day out).

Strangely/⁸ _____ enough, (the best days are often the ones you don't really plan).