



1 VOCABULARY: Luck and choice

A **Circle** the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 Finding work was difficult for Greg, but he finally got a lucky break / *chance encounter* with this company.
- 2 Samuel was *in the right place at the right time* / *wound up* because he found a good parking spot.
- 3 Little did I know that she would *wind up* / *not believe my luck* as my next manager.
- 4 She was *deliberate decision* / *fortunate* to be cheerful at work.
- 5 Is it just a *coincidence* / *chance encounter* that the person who ran the contest won first prize?
- 6 Mariana went through a *life-changing experience* / *lucky break* when she survived the accident.
- 7 You can't help but admire her *fortunate* / *determination* to reach her goal.
- 8 We made a *lucky break* / *deliberate decision* to spend less money on things we don't need.
- 9 The *path* / *fate* to success is not without difficulty.
- 10 They believed that *fate* / *deliberate decision* brought them together.
- 11 I couldn't *be fortunate* / *believe my luck* when I saw I had won the prize.
- 12 He didn't expect to meet his wife through a *coincidence* / *chance encounter* at a café.

B **Imagine you are in these situations. What might you think? Complete the sentences with words from exercise 1A.**

- 1 You met a movie star in the elevator on your way down to the lobby.
I was in the right place at the right time.
- 2 You found someone to help you sell your car.
It was very _____ I had him to help me.
- 3 You saw an old friend getting on the same plane as you.
It was a _____ that we were on the same plane.
- 4 You got a job with that big company right after you graduated.
It was a _____ that I got this great job so quickly.
- 5 You missed the bus so you wouldn't have to go to the meeting.
I made a _____ decision to miss the bus.
- 6 You studied the lines for weeks to get the acting part.
I had a lot of _____ to get this part.

2 GRAMMAR: Unreal conditionals

A Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 would've shopped / I / expensive / if / somewhere else / expensive / knew / I / it was going to be

If I knew it was going to be expensive, I would've shopped somewhere else.

- 2 study / would've failed the exam / if / I / hadn't helped me / I / he

_____.

- 3 would help / if / could / I / you / I

_____.

- 4 the Great Wall of China / I / if / anywhere in the world / could go / go see / I'd

_____.

- 5 all the cake / she'd / if / could reach the table / eat / our dog

_____.

- 6 Tamara might've gotten the job / if / hadn't been late / she

_____.

B Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 If I'd known you were allergic to nuts, I _____ an apple pie.

a would make **b would've made**

- 2 If I hadn't _____ him when I did, I might not have become a dentist.

a have met **b met**

- 3 If you _____ a good friend, you'd help him with his exam.

a were **b are**

- 4 If Clara _____ busy, she might not have missed the call.

a weren't **b hadn't been**

- 5 I _____ figured this out if I hadn't read the instructions.

a couldn't **b couldn't have**

- 6 If the book had more action, I _____ be interested in reading it.

a would **b will**

3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A Use your own ideas to complete the unreal conditional sentences.

- 1 I was fortunate. If I hadn't had met her, I _____ wouldn't have gone travelling.

- 2 Fate is what brought those two together. If she _____, she might not have _____.

- 3 If she _____, she'd be on a much better path than the one she's on now.

- 4 If I _____, I'd have more determination to finish this project.

- 5 It was a coincidence. If Andres _____, he wouldn't _____.

