

4 What did you think of Anaïs and Samantha's story?

I thought it was an amazing coincidence.

5 A Which forms are the verbs in **bold**? Choose from the simple past, past perfect, and past continuous.

1 He **had seen** the actress in another video. _____

2 While Anaïs **was traveling** by bus to college, she got a message. _____

3 The sisters **wrote** a book about their amazing story. _____

B Match the forms with their uses. Then read the Grammar box.

a an action that happened before another action in the past _____

b a completed action in the past _____

c an action in progress at a specific moment in the past _____



Grammar narrative tenses

Simple past (for main events): Past perfect (for actions that

happened before other actions):

Past continuous (for longer actions/

background):

I visited my friend Ana last year. *When we arrived at the theater, the movie had started.* *At 9 p.m. last night I was having dinner.*

Look! We usually use **when** with the simple past and **when** or **while** with the past continuous:

I was walking in the park when I met Jo. *When/While I was walking in the park, I met Jo.*



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6 A 2.3 **Pronunciation:** /d/ in the past perfect Listen to the sentence. Notice the pronunciation of /d/ in the past perfect form. Listen again and repeat.

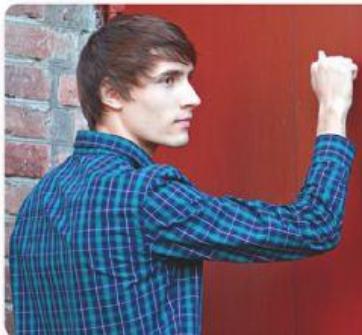
He'd seen the woman before.

B 2.4 Listen to the sentences and choose the verb forms you hear.

1 *I bought / I'd bought* 3 *She caught the bus / She'd caught the bus* 5 *You watched / You'd watched*
 2 *He asked / He'd asked* 4 *We realized / We'd realized* 6 *They lost / They'd lost*

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7 A 2.5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Listen and check.



Last year, while I ¹ _____ (stay) with my grandmother for the weekend in a town a few hours away, I ² _____ (go) to visit my friend Marco, who also lives there. I ³ _____ (call) him the day before to arrange a time to get together, but he hadn't answered. I went to his house anyway, but when I ⁴ _____ (ring) the doorbell, nobody ⁵ _____ (come) to the door, so I ⁶ _____ (decide) to leave. Right then, I ⁷ _____ (get) a message on my phone. It was Marco! He ⁸ _____ (go) to my hometown the evening before to visit his parents, and now he ⁹ _____ (knock) on my door! It was such a coincidence!

B Have there been any coincidences in your life or in your friends' lives? Talk about them in pairs.

8 In pairs, talk about a time when you met someone important in your life. Use the questions to help you.

- Where were you?
- What had happened before you met?
- What were you both doing when you met?
- What happened when you met?

- What did you both say?
- How did your life change after you met him/her?



Read the story about Anaïs and Samantha again. Close your books and retell the story in pairs.