

1D Half a Million Secrets

“Secrets can take many forms. They can be shocking or silly or soulful. They can connect us to our deepest humanity or with people we’ll never meet again.”

FRANK WARREN



- 1 Read the Authentic Listening Skills box. Listen to the words from the TED Talk and underline the syllables that are stressed. 🔊 5

1 collect 3 girlfriend 5 advertisement 7 instructions
2 received 4 stranger 6 memory 8 collection

- 2 Now listen to two extracts from the talk. Notice the stressed syllables in the first extract. Underline the stressed syllables in the second extract. 🔊 6

- 1 Hi, my name is Frank, and I collect secrets. It all started with a crazy idea in November of two thousand and four.
2 I printed up three thousand self-addressed postcards, just like this. They were blank on one side, and on the other side I listed some simple instructions.

WATCH

- 3 Watch Part 1 of the talk. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences. ▶ 1.1

- 1 Frank gave the postcards to *strangers* / *friends*.
2 The idea *made people angry* / *became very popular*.
3 People from *the US* / *many different countries* sent postcards to Frank.
4 The green postcard was *a little sad* / *very funny*.



4 Complete the sentences. Then watch Part 2 of the talk and check your answers. ▶ 1.2

cat
postcard

email
ring

ending
website

- 1 The man's postcard had a picture of a _____ and a ring.
- 2 The man said he wanted to give the _____ to the woman.
- 3 Frank put the _____ on his website.
- 4 A little while later, Frank received a very happy _____ from the man.
- 5 The man and the woman looked at Frank's _____ together.
- 6 The story had a happy _____ because the woman said yes.

5 Watch Part 3 of the talk. Which ideas does Frank Warren discuss? Check the ones he mentions. ▶ 1.3

- 1 The website IFoundYourCamera helps people find lost cameras.
- 2 Many people feel unhappy when they see their pictures on the website.
- 3 IFoundYourCamera shows that people want to help other people.
- 4 The woman in the picture found another person's camera.
- 5 The man, woman, and child in the picture are very happy now.

6 VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

a Watch the clips from the talk. Choose the correct meaning of the words and phrases. ▶ 1.4

b Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Then discuss with a partner.

1 I sometimes *struggle* when _____.

2 My favorite *image* is _____.

3 When I need to feel *calm*, I _____.

4 One time I experienced a *language barrier* when _____.