

Stories of life.

Listen to the three different stories and complete the paragraph by using the following verbs, remember to change the tense of the verbs in past simple.

Decide- say - work - start- do- have (x2) - love- turn- return- buy- develop- be(x4)- get (x3)

Today I want to tell you three stories from my life. That's it. No big deal. Just three stories. The first story is about connecting the dots. It _____ before I _____ born. My biological mother _____ a young, unwed graduate student, and she _____ to put me up for adoption. So, my parents, who _____ on a waiting list, _____ a call in the middle of the night asking: "We _____ an unexpected baby boy; do you want him?" They _____: "Of course." This was the start in my life.

My second story is about love and loss.

We _____ hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4000 employees. We _____ just released our finest creation — the Macintosh — a year earlier, and I _____ just turned 30. And then I _____ fired.

I didn't see it then, but it _____ out that getting fired from Apple _____ the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life and fell in love with an amazing woman who would become my wife. In a remarkable turn of events, Apple _____ NeXT, I _____ to Apple, and the technology we _____ at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance. And Laurene and I have a wonderful family together.

I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It _____ awful tasting medicine, but I guess the patient needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I _____ what I _____. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers