

## READING

- 1 Read the magazine article quickly. Complete the sentences.

- 1 Richard and Sharon met for the first time on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The second time they met, they went \_\_\_\_\_.



- 2 Read the article again. Put the events in the order they happened. Write the numbers 1–8.

- ☐ a Richard and Sharon go to a show together.
- ☐ b Richard has an accident.
- ☐ c Richard gives Sharon a present.
- ☐ d Sharon saves Richard's life.
- ☐ e Richard goes to hospital.
- ☐ f Sharon calls Richard.
- ☒ 1 g Richard goes surfing.
- ☐ h Richard sees Sharon for the first time.

- 3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Tell the story. Use the ideas in Exercise 2. Put them into the past simple tense.

*Richard went surfing. He had an accident ...*

## FUNCTIONS

### Talking about past events

- 1 Think about a time when you made a new friend. Make notes.

WHO? WHEN? WHERE? WHAT?

- Who?
- When?
- Where?
- What happened?

- 2 In pairs tell your story.

*I met my friend Al five years ago. I was on holiday in France with my family. We were in a small hotel. Al's family were in the same hotel. We made friends on the first day and spent all the holiday together.*

## Real life

# How we met

This week lifeguard Sharon Evans and student Richard Lambert tell our reporter about their friendship and how they almost never met.

### So first of all, when and where did you meet?

**Richard** We first met in 2012, one morning at about 10.30 am on Bondi Beach, in Sydney.

**Sharon** Actually, we met in the water.

### OK, so how did you meet?

**Richard** I was out in the deep water on my surfboard when another board knocked me on the head. The next thing I knew, I was on the beach looking up at this face.

**Sharon** I was on the beach that day. I saw what happened so I swam out and brought Richard back in. He was unconscious, but luckily I got him to start breathing again. But for a minute I thought he was dead.

**Richard** And then they took me to hospital. I didn't have a chance to even say thanks to Sharon.

### So what did you do?

**Richard** There was a really big show the next week with a popular Belgian-Australian singer called Gotye. I bought two tickets for Sharon and left them at work for her a few days later. I thought she could take someone with her. I also left her a note to say thanks with my telephone number on it.

**Sharon** He was really generous. They were expensive tickets.

### Did you take a friend to the show?

**Sharon** I didn't know who to take and then I had a great idea.

### What was it?

**Richard** Well, when I got home from work that day there was a voicemail on my phone. It was Sharon. She invited me to go with her. We had a great time. She was so cheerful and easy-going. We became really good friends right away.

