

5 1.31 Complete the SPEAKING FOCUS with the words in the box. Then listen again and check.

(All As As soon as blue doubt Funnily Initially place)

SPEAKING FOCUS

Introducing the anecdote

(Right, so) I'm going to tell you about (a great day out).

(OK, so) this is a story about (a day I'll never forget).

This took ¹place about (a month ago).

Sequencing events in the anecdote

² _____ /When/Just after (we got there, the sun came out).

³ _____ /To begin with, (we were the only people there ...)

As/While (we were sitting there ...)

Suddenly/⁴ _____ of a sudden, (the weather changed).

Describing events vividly

Predictably/⁵ _____ expected (other people soon started ...)

Unexpectedly/Out of the ⁶ _____, (it started pouring with rain).

Luckily/Fortunately, (after it stopped raining, the sun came out again).

Finishing the anecdote

Without a ⁷ _____, it was (one of the best days I've had in ages).

When I look back (on that day) now, I feel ...

It turned out to be (an unforgettable day out).

Strangely/⁸ _____ enough, (the best days are often the ones you don't really plan).

6 1.32 Read the anecdote and choose the correct option. Then listen and check.

Right, so this ¹*took place / is a story* about a day I'll never forget. I've always loved music and last month my friend and I went to a DJing workshop. ²*To begin with / Just after*, we learnt about the equipment. We can't afford our own stuff yet but, ³*fortunately / out of the blue*, we were able to use the decks, mixers and laptops at the centre. ⁴*When / While* we had understood the basics, it was time to have a go. ⁵*Strangely / Predictably*, it was really difficult at first, but after a while I started to get the hang of it. It feels and sounds fantastic when you get it right. It turned out to be an ⁶*unexpected / unforgettable* day. I can't wait for the next workshop.

