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EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

1 VOCABULARY: Describing stories

A Complete the sentences with words from the box.
There may be more than one answer.

family saga	horror story	personal tragedy
tall tale	feel-good story	human interest story
mystery	hard-luck story	love story
success story	tear jerker	

- 1 This kind of story is long and is about many different family members and events. family saga
- 2 In this kind of story, the main character faces death, injury, or great difficulties. _____
- 3 In this kind of story, we feel sorry for the problems someone has. _____
- 4 This kind of story is about two people who develop strong positive feelings for each other. _____
- 5 This kind of story is about someone who has a lot of achievements. _____
- 6 This kind of story is about something strange or unusual that happened. _____
- 7 In this kind of story, someone tells us something he or she says is true, but that is hard to believe. _____
- 8 This kind of story is intended to make us feel sorry for the person who tells the story. _____
- 9 This kind of story gives people happy feelings about life. _____
- 10 This kind of story surprises people and makes them afraid. _____
- 11 In this kind of story we connect emotionally with a person's problems, concerns or achievements. _____



2 GRAMMAR: Past perfect

A Match sentences 1–6 with the sentences in the box. Then underline the events that happened first.

I hadn't studied.	He'd missed his flight.	I had lost it.
He woke up in the hospital.	The party was over.	The movie had ended.

- 1 I failed the exam. I hadn't studied. _____
- 2 The money wasn't in my pocket. _____
- 3 He'd had an accident. _____
- 4 He arrived 10 minutes late. _____
- 5 I left the theater. _____
- 6 Everyone had left. _____

B Complete the paragraph below. Use the past perfect form of the words in the box.

be break open put take throw

Julio and Marcella came home late from a party one evening. They were shocked to see that one of the living room windows was broken. Someone ¹ had broken the glass. The back door was unlocked. Someone ² had opened the door. The dog was in the basement. Someone ³ had taken the dog there. They found their books and important papers on the floor. Someone ⁴ had thrown them off the desk. Their laptops were gone. Someone ⁵ had taken them. Julio and Marcella called the police because they ⁶ had been robbed.

3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A Read the story below. Put the events in the correct order. Then decide: Is it a personal tragedy, a feel-good story, or a family saga?

His parents are very worried.
1 A young boy goes fishing with his dog.
The boy is missing for 12 hours.
After a few hours, the boy gets lost.
The parents are very happy.
Luckily, the dog helps him find his way home again.

B Complete the story from exercise 3A. Use the simple past, past continuous, and past perfect.

A young boy had gone fishing with his dog. After a few hours,

