Everyday English

Expressing opinions

1 Two dads, Henry and Bob, are having a conversation about their kids. Complete it with the words and phrases below.

a isn't he
b don't you
c didn't he
d absolutely brilliant
e absolutely right
f pretty scary
g totally agree
h really enjoy
i certainly
j Too true



Bedtime Stories

H I love being a dad, [1]_____?

B Yeah, of course I do – most of the time.

H My favourite thing is bedtime.

B Ah, I [2]_____! It's the best time of day. Peace at last!

H No, it's not just that. I [3]_____ reading bedtime stories to my kids.

B Do you? My kids are a bit old for that now, but I used to read to them a lot. What are your kids' favourites?

H Well, Emma thinks anything by Roald Dahl is great.

B He's an excellent writer for kids, [4]_____?

H Yeah, he is. He's [5]_____! My kids love *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The BFG – The Big Friendly Giant* – it's [6]_____ in places but they like being scared.

B Yeah, I think most kids like scary bits. I know mine did. Dahl wrote for adults too, [7]_____?

H He [8]_____ did – he wrote books of short stories. I read them years ago – real page-turners.

B Yes, I remember – aren't they kind of scary too – dark but funny?

H You're [9]_____, and they all have really unexpected endings – *Tales of the Unexpected* is one of Dahl's books.

B What are you reading to your kids at the moment then?

H Actually, it's not a Dahl, it's a fairy story – a scary fairy story! *Beauty and the Beast* – you can't beat a good fairy story.

B [10]_____! There's nothing better than a story that begins 'Once upon a time …'

2 4.3 Listen and check.

REVIEW

1 Complete the sentences with ***was***, ***were***, ***did***, or ***had***.

1 The police found the money which _____ been stolen from the supermarket.
2 _____ you do much sightseeing when you were in Paris?
3 We arrived late because our flight _____ been delayed by bad weather.
4 They _____ leaving for the station when I saw them.
5 How many times _____ your passports checked before you got on the plane?
6 _____ it raining when you left the cinema?
7 I _____ forgotten to set my alarm, so I was late for work.
8 I sent you a text. _____ you get it?
9 _____ you listening to me? I _____ telling you about my terrible day at work!

2 Put the verb in **bold** in the Past Simple, the Past Continuous, the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous.

eat

1 I couldn't understand what she was saying because she ***was eating*** an apple.
2 The meal was terrible, but John _____ it. He must have been hungry.
3 There was nothing in the fridge. The kids _____ everything.

talk

4 The lesson was so boring. The teacher just _____ for a whole hour.
5 I knew about Annie's problem because I _____ to her mother the day before.
6 Who _____ you _____ to on the phone just now?

die

7 Alice never knew her grandfather. He _____ before she was born.
8 The old man lay in his bed, hardly breathing. He _____, and he knew it.
9 Vincent van Gogh _____ in 1890.

drive

10 'How did you get here?' 'I _____.'
11 I was tired, and needed to go to bed. I _____ 300 miles that day.
12 I _____ to work when I had an accident and hit a tree.

LIVEWORKSHEETS