

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.

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| a isn't he | d absolutely brilliant | g totally agree |
| b don't you | e absolutely right | h really enjoy |
| c didn't he | f pretty scary | 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**.

- The police found the money which _____ been stolen from the supermarket.
- _____ you do much sightseeing when you were in Paris?
- We arrived late because our flight _____ been delayed by bad weather.
- They _____ leaving for the station when I saw them.
- How many times _____ your passports checked before you got on the plane?
- _____ it raining when you left the cinema?
- I _____ forgotten to set my alarm, so I was late for work.
- I sent you a text. _____ you get it?
- _____ 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

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

talk

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

die

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

drive

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