

2.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary comment adverbs

- Choose the best comment adverb to complete each sentence.
 - In the 1980s, Coca-Cola sales were falling, so not surprisingly / *luckily*, company directors decided to do something about it.
 - They asked thousands of people to taste different types of Coke. With this information, they introduced 'New Coke', which was sweeter than the original drink. *Fortunately* / *Curiously*, the public reacted very negatively.
 - The problem was that they stopped selling the old classic Coke. *Remarkably* / *Personally*, some customers claimed they felt depressed, while others bought large quantities of classic Coke to keep at home.
 - Fortunately* / *Sadly*, the company soon recognized their mistake and after seventy-nine days they brought back the original formula.
 - Trying to save 'New Coke', Coca-Cola renamed it 'Coke II', but sales still didn't increase. *Amazingly* / *Naturally*, the production of the new drink was interrupted soon after.
 - Coca-Cola lost millions of dollars during this period. However, it is possible that the company benefitted in the end, because *interestingly* / *unfortunately*, sales increased significantly after the incident.

PRONUNCIATION intonation

- 2a 2.6 Listen and repeat these phrases.

- Fortunately, it wasn't serious.
- He said that, personally, he didn't mind.

- b Mark the intonation in the sentences.

- The accident was serious, but luckily, no one was hurt.
- Unfortunately, there's nothing I can do about it.
- I got the recipe wrong, but surprisingly, everybody loved the dish.
- Amazingly, the magician reappeared at the back of the theatre.
- They invested a lot in marketing, but interestingly, sales continued falling.

- c 2.7 Listen and check. Then listen again, pause after each sentence and repeat.

- Read the advice from experts and complete it using the words in the correct form.

Ask the expert

Having problems with anything, from pets to investments? ¹ *Fortunately*, we can help you. FORTUNATE
Leave a message with your problem and we'll contact an expert to help you out.

Mark I'm thirty-five and don't do any exercise, because I work long hours. ² _____, I haven't had any major health problems so far, but I'm not getting any younger! What do you suggest? LUCK

Aisha (personal trainer) Not ³ _____ that's a very common problem nowadays, especially in big cities. I recommend cycling to work, or getting off the bus some stops before and walking. SURPRISE

Erik How should I choose the best internet browser for me? ⁴ _____, I want a fast one, but what other issues are important? NATURAL

Li (computer programmer) That depends on lots of things, such as what you need it for and how good you are with technology. ⁵ _____, I prefer browsers with good customization options. PERSONAL

Carlos Two of my fish got sick. Their eyes got really big, and ⁶ _____, they died soon after. What can I do to save the others? SAD

Colin (vet) This is called pop-eye disease. I treated a case recently with antibiotics and, ⁷ _____, the problem completely disappeared in three days. REMARK

Vocabulary review

- Complete the words in the table with the missing vowels.

Verbs for narrative	Verbs for communication
b e l i e v e	a d m i t
__ x p __ c t	__ n n __ n c __
r __ l __ z __	cl __ m
r __ c __ g n __ z __	__ n f __ r m
r __ m __ m b __ r	__ n t __ r v __ w
r __ m __ n d	__ n v __ n t
w __ n d __ r	k __ p q __ t
	m __ n t __ n
	t __ l l
	r __ p __ r t

2.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking showing interest

1 2.8 Listen to two stories and choose the best title for each.

- 1 Saving a baby – twice! / A baby with a special talent
- 2 A strange bookshop / A book very far from home

2a Complete the conversations with words from the box.

amazing believe heard mean really
someone that way

Conversation 1

A I ¹ heard this incredible story about a baby who fell from a high window on top of a man who was passing by. They both survived, fortunately.

B ² _____?

A Wait, that's not all. You're not going to ³ _____ this, but a year later the very same baby fell from the same window onto the very same man.

B How ⁴ _____! I don't know what's more unbelievable: the coincidence or how careless the baby's parents were!

Conversation 2

C ⁵ _____ told me about this incredible coincidence with an American writer. She was in a bookshop when she saw her favourite childhood book. She showed it to her husband, and when he opened it, her name was written inside. It was the exact copy she had as a child!

D ⁶ _____'s incredible!

C Yes, especially considering she grew up in the USA and the bookshop was in Paris!

D What, you ⁷ _____ the book crossed the ocean and she still found it?

C Yeah, decades later.

D No ⁸ _____!

b 2.8 Listen again and check.

3a 2.9 Listen and write (I) if the speakers sound interested, and (N) if they don't.

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| 1 Really? <u>N</u> | 4 What, you mean ...? _____ |
| 2 How amazing! _____ | 5 No way! _____ |
| 3 That's awful! _____ | 6 You're joking! _____ |

b 2.10 Listen to the same speakers sounding interested. Listen again and repeat, copying the intonation.

Writing a narrative

4 Complete the story with words from the box.

ago end instant just soon straightaway while

A few years ¹ ago, Dorothy Fletcher was flying to Florida for her daughter's wedding. She was enjoying the flight, but after a ² _____, when they were over the ocean, she started to feel unwell. Soon afterwards, she had a heart attack.

The flight attendant asked ³ _____ on the speaker system if there was a doctor on board, and, in an ⁴ _____, fifteen doctors got up and went to help her! They were travelling to a medical conference in Orlando.

They started treating her with the medical kit in the plane, and, at one point, one of the doctors said: 'I think we're losing her.' But ⁵ _____ then another doctor found her pulse again.

She was taken straight to hospital as ⁶ _____ as the plane landed. She then spent a few days in hospital, but in the ⁷ _____, she still managed to go to her daughter's wedding!



I can ...

	Very well	Quite well	More practice
use comment adverbs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
engage a listener and show interest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write a narrative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.5 Reading for pleasure

Kidnapped



- 1 Look at the pictures and the title of the story. Predict the type of story you are going to read. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 a romantic love story
- 2 a crime story set in modern times
- 3 a historical adventure story
- 4 a true story about a rebellion

- 2 Read an extract from *Kidnapped*, a famous novel set in Scotland in the eighteenth century.

- 3 What do you think happens next to David in the story? How do you know that he didn't die?

Kidnapped

The story so far

After the death of his parents, young David Balfour has gone to live with his uncle at the great House of Shaws in Cramond, near Edinburgh. One day, his uncle takes him to the port at Queensferry. It is there that David makes a surprising discovery – his uncle was younger than his father, so the great House of Shaws should really belong to David.

I had thought that my father was the younger brother, and now I understood why my uncle had lied to me, and wanted to kill me. The house of Shaws had belonged to my father, not my uncle, and now I had inherited it. The poor country boy who had walked from Essendean was the owner of a fine house and farmland! My head was full of the wonderful things that I could do in my life, as I looked, unseeing, at the sea.

Just then my uncle and the captain came out of the public house. The captain smiled in a friendly way as he spoke to me. 'Sir,' he said, 'Mr Balfour has told me a lot about ye. I'm only sorry I haven't time to get to know ye better. But I'd like ye to come on to my ship for half an hour, before we sail, and have a drink with me.'

Now, more than anything in the world, I wanted to see the inside of a ship, but I remembered that I had to be careful. 'My uncle and I have to see the lawyer, sir,' I replied, 'so I'm afraid we may not have enough time.'

'Aye, aye,' he answered, 'I know, but ye see, the ship's boat can put ye both down near Rankeillor's house, after ye've seen the ship, so ye won't lose any time.' Suddenly he said quietly in my ear, 'Watch out for the old man – he wants to hurt ye. Come and talk about it.' Putting his arm in mine, he said loudly, 'What can I bring ye back from my travels? A friend of Mr Balfour's is a friend of mine!'

By this time we were on the beach, and he was helping my uncle and me into the boat. I thought that I had found a good friend and helper, and I was very excited as we came closer to the great ship, full of busy, noisy sailors. The captain and I were the first to climb up the ship's side, and at the top the captain immediately put his arm through mine and began to talk about the ship.

'But where is my uncle?' I asked suddenly. I pulled myself away from the captain's arm, and ran to the side of the ship. Sure enough, there was the boat returning to Queensferry, with my uncle sitting in it. I screamed, 'Help, help! Murder!' and my uncle slowly turned to look at me.

I did not see any more. Already strong hands were pulling me away. Then something hit my head; I saw a great flash of fire, and fell to the ground.



Old English words
ye = you; aye = yes

Text extract from Oxford Bookworms Library Stage 3: *Kidnapped*