

D  **CD 1.34** Listen to more of their conversation and write the missing expressions. Then practice the conversation with a partner. Practice again, using different expressions.

Brad ... Oh, yeah. So there I was in the front row – with my hair sticking up and a hole in my shirt. Right next to our teacher, Mr. Gray.

Arnold Yeah? That's funny.

Brad Yeah. _____ (*interrupt*), he was a funny guy – nice but eccentric. He wore a bow tie and these little glasses, which he was always losing. _____ (*back to the story*), when we got the photos the following week, my mom took one look at them and cried.

Arnold She did? She actually cried?

Brad Oh, yeah. I mean, _____ (*interrupt*), picture day was the one day a year I looked good. It was a special day to her! _____ (*back to the story*), she took me to a photographer and had my picture taken there.

Make a pause

1. looking back
2. When I look back
3. When I think about it

Go back to the story

1. anyway
2. getting back to
3. going back to what I was saying

Match the ideas

1. French classes were my favorite. _____
2. I walked two miles to school every day. _____
3. Lunch was always hot dogs and fries. _____
4. I couldn't wait for the summer. _____
5. I always fell behind in math. I hated it! _____

- a. It's no wonder that kids are overweight.
- b. No wonder. It's the best time of year.
- c. Me too. It's no wonder we were fit.
- d. No wonder. It's no fun if you're struggling.
- e. It's no wonder you're so fluent.

C Complete the anecdote with the expressions in the box. Write the letters a–e.

a. anyway b. It's no wonder c. Looking back d. when I think about it e. Where was I

"You know what I regret? I lost touch with my best friend from high school after we had a big fight. One day he told me about a personal problem and asked me not to tell anyone. I really wanted to help him, you know? But _____, I was so young . . . I didn't know how to help. _____? Oh, right. So I asked another friend what she would do in my friend's situation. I didn't say his name, but she guessed who it was. _____, I guess I thought I could trust her. I'll never make a mistake like that again, you know, telling someone else's secrets. So _____, she told my best friend she knew about his problem. He was really embarrassed. _____ he hasn't spoken to me since."



Complete the idea with your own words

1. My favorite / my most interesting picture is
2. When I listen to the word school the first thing that springs to mind is ...
3. Something I make a big deal of is...
4. Something that I don't like to put on my hair is...
5. The last picture I got taken with my family was when

1. looking back
2. When I look back
3. When I think about it



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