

9.1

TURNING POINTS



1 VOCABULARY: Luck and choice

A **Circle** the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 Finding work was difficult for Greg, but he finally got a **lucky break** / **chance encounter** with this company.
- 2 Samuel was **in the right place at the right time** / **wound up** because he found a good parking spot.
- 3 Little did I know that she would **wind up** / **not believe my luck** as my next manager.
- 4 She was **deliberate decision** / **fortunate** to be cheerful at work.
- 5 Is it just a **coincidence** / **chance encounter** that the person who ran the contest won first prize?
- 6 Mariana went through a **life-changing experience** / **lucky break** when she survived the accident.
- 7 You can't help but admire her **fortunate** / **determination** to reach her goal.
- 8 We made a **lucky break** / **deliberate decision** to spend less money on things we don't need.
- 9 The **path** / **fate** to success is not without difficulty.
- 10 They believed that **fate** / **deliberate decision** brought them together.
- 11 I couldn't be **fortunate** / **believe my luck** when I saw I had won the prize.
- 12 He didn't expect to meet his wife through a **coincidence** / **chance encounter** at a café.

B **Imagine you are in these situations. What might you think? Complete the sentences with words from exercise 1A.**

- 1 You met a movie star in the elevator on your way down to the lobby.

I was in the right place at the right time.

- 2 You found someone to help you sell your car.

It was very fortunate I had him to help me.

- 3 You saw an old friend getting on the same plane as you.

It was a coincidence that we were on the same plane.

- 4 You got a job with that big company right after you graduated.

It was a lucky break that I got this great job so quickly.

- 5 You missed the bus so you wouldn't have to go to the meeting.

I made a deliberate decision to miss the bus.

- 6 You studied the lines for weeks to get the acting part.

I had a lot of fortune to get this part.

2 GRAMMAR: Unreal conditionals

A Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 would've shopped / I / expensive / if / somewhere else / expensive / knew / I / it was going to be

If I knew it was going to be expensive, I would've shopped somewhere else .

2 study / would've failed the exam / if / I / hadn't helped me / I / he

3 would help / if / could / I / you / I

4 the Great Wall of China / I / if / anywhere in the world / could go / go see / I'd

5 all the cake / she'd / if / could reach the table / eat / our dog

6 Tamara might've gotten the job / if / hadn't been late / she

B Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 If I'd known you were allergic to nuts, I _____ an apple pie.

a would make **b** would've made

2 If I hadn't _____ him when I did, I might not have become a dentist.

a have met b met

3 If you _____ a good friend, you'd help him with his exam.

a were b are

4 If Clara _____ busy, she might not have missed the call.

a weren't b hadn't been

5 I _____ figured this out if I hadn't read the instructions.

a couldn't b couldn't have

6 If the book had more action, I _____ be interested in reading it.

a would b will

3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A Use your own ideas to complete the unreal conditional sentences.

1 I was fortunate. If I hadn't had met her, I _____ wouldn't have gone travelling .

2 Fate is what brought those two together. If she _____ she might not have

3 If she _____, she'd be on a much better path than the one she's on now.

4 If I _____, I'd have more determination to finish this project.

5 It was a coincidence. If Andres _____, he wouldn't

