

READING

- 1 Read the magazine article quickly. Complete the sentences.

- 1 Richard and Sharon met for the first time on _____.
- 2 The second time they met, they went _____.



- 2 Read the article again. Put the events in the order they happened. Write the numbers 1–8.

- ☐ a Richard and Sharon go to a show together.
- ☐ b Richard has an accident.
- ☐ c Richard gives Sharon a present.
- ☐ d Sharon saves Richard's life.
- ☐ e Richard goes to hospital.
- ☐ f Sharon calls Richard.
- ☒ 1 g Richard goes surfing.
- ☐ h Richard sees Sharon for the first time.

- 3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Tell the story. Use the ideas in Exercise 2. Put them into the past simple tense.

Richard went surfing. He had an accident ...

FUNCTIONS

Talking about past events

- 1 Think about a time when you made a new friend. Make notes.

WHO? WHEN? WHERE? WHAT?

- Who?
- When?
- Where?
- What happened?

- 2 In pairs tell your story.

I met my friend Al five years ago. I was on holiday in France with my family. We were in a small hotel. Al's family were in the same hotel. We made friends on the first day and spent all the holiday together.

Real life

How we met

This week lifeguard Sharon Evans and student Richard Lambert tell our reporter about their friendship and how they almost never met.

So first of all, when and where did you meet?

Richard We first met in 2012, one morning at about 10.30 am on Bondi Beach, in Sydney.

Sharon Actually, we met in the water.

OK, so how did you meet?

Richard I was out in the deep water on my surfboard when another board knocked me on the head. The next thing I knew, I was on the beach looking up at this face.

Sharon I was on the beach that day. I saw what happened so I swam out and brought Richard back in. He was unconscious, but luckily I got him to start breathing again. But for a minute I thought he was dead.

Richard And then they took me to hospital. I didn't have a chance to even say thanks to Sharon.

So what did you do?

Richard There was a really big show the next week with a popular Belgian-Australian singer called Gotye. I bought two tickets for Sharon and left them at work for her a few days later. I thought she could take someone with her. I also left her a note to say thanks with my telephone number on it.

Sharon He was really generous. They were expensive tickets.

Did you take a friend to the show?

Sharon I didn't know who to take and then I had a great idea.

What was it?

Richard Well, when I got home from work that day there was a voicemail on my phone. It was Sharon. She invited me to go with her. We had a great time. She was so cheerful and easy-going. We became really good friends right away.

