

## EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

## 1 VOCABULARY: Describing stories

- A Complete the sentences with words from the box.  
There may be more than one answer.

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| family saga   | horror story    | personal tragedy     |
| tall tale     | feel-good story | human interest story |
| mystery       | hard-luck story | love story           |
| success story | tear jerker     |                      |

- This kind of story is long and is about many different family members and events. family saga
- In this kind of story, the main character faces death, injury, or great difficulties. \_\_\_\_\_
- In this kind of story, we feel sorry for the problems someone has. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of story is about two people who develop strong positive feelings for each other. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of story is about someone who has a lot of achievements. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of story is about something strange or unusual that happened. \_\_\_\_\_
- In this kind of story, someone tells us something he or she says is true, but that is hard to believe. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of story is intended to make us feel sorry for the person who tells the story. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of story gives people happy feelings about life. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of story surprises people and makes them afraid. \_\_\_\_\_
- In this kind of story we connect emotionally with a person's problems, concerns or achievements. \_\_\_\_\_



## 2 GRAMMAR: Past perfect

- A Match sentences 1–6 with the sentences in the box. Then underline the events that happened first.

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| I hadn't studied.           | He'd missed his flight. | I had lost it.       |
| He woke up in the hospital. | The party was over.     | The movie had ended. |

- I failed the exam. I hadn't studied.
- The money wasn't in my pocket. \_\_\_\_\_
- He'd had an accident. \_\_\_\_\_
- He arrived 10 minutes late. \_\_\_\_\_
- I left the theater. \_\_\_\_\_
- Everyone had left. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Complete the paragraph below. Use the past perfect form of the words in the box.**

be   break   open   put   take   throw

Julio and Marcella came home late from a party one evening. They were shocked to see that one of the living room windows was broken. Someone <sup>1</sup> had broken the glass. The back door was unlocked. Someone <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the door. The dog was in the basement. Someone <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the dog there. They found their books and important papers on the floor. Someone <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them off the desk. Their laptops were gone. Someone <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them. Julio and Marcella called the police because they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ robbed.

**3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY**

**A Read the story below. Put the events in the correct order. Then decide: Is it a personal tragedy, a feel-good story, or a family saga?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ His parents are very worried.
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ A young boy goes fishing with his dog.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The boy is missing for 12 hours.
- \_\_\_\_\_ After a few hours, the boy gets lost.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The parents are very happy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Luckily, the dog helps him find his way home again.

**B Complete the story from exercise 3A. Use the simple past, past continuous, and past perfect.**

*A young boy had gone fishing with his dog. After a few hours,*

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