# 2 What a story!

## 2.1 I'll never forget that day

**Vocabulary** describing past experiences

**1a** Choose the correct options to complete the questions from interviews with people who have dangerous jobs.







1 Do you think the animals *recognize* / *remind* you?
2 Do you *wonder* / *believe* anybody who likes cleaning could do your job?
3 Have you ever *recognized* / *realized* that you were risking your life because you were too close to the heat?
4 Should you always *expect* / *realize* an animal to attack you, or are they less dangerous than they seem?
5 Do you *wonder* / *remember* the first time you heard the alarm?
6 Do you ever have to *remember* / *remind* the people inside the buildings that you are there?
7 Do you ever *wonder* / *expect* how they feel about all these visitors?

**b** Which questions would you hear in an interview with ...

a a safari guide? 1, ___, ___
b a firefighter? ___, ___
c a window cleaner? ___, ___

**2a** Complete the answers with the correct form of the words in the box.

| believe | expect | realize | ~~recognize~~ | remember | remind | wonder |
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a Well, usually they're fine; but after some time, you learn to *recognize* the signs that they're stressed, like the way they walk or the sounds they make.
b Yes! I usually make a noise or something. I _____ once a couple were having a terrible argument, and when they saw me, they just kept going! It's none of my business, anyway.
c Of course! It was my first day, and I wasn't _____ it – I didn't even have my uniform on!
d A lot of times. When I started, my colleagues always _____ me to stay at a safe distance.
e Sometimes I do. Once a lion got really close to me and looked me in the eye. I _____ he knew exactly who I was.
f Yes, but I try to make all the tourists _____ that this is the animals' home, not ours!
g No way! Most people can't even go up a high ladder! But I _____ why people are so afraid of heights. With the right equipment, it's perfectly safe. And the view's fantastic!

**b** Match the questions in exercise **1a** to the answers in exercise **2a**.

1 *e* 4 ___ 6 ___
2 ___ 5 ___ 7 ___
3 ___

**c** 2.1 Listen and check.



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## Grammar narrative forms

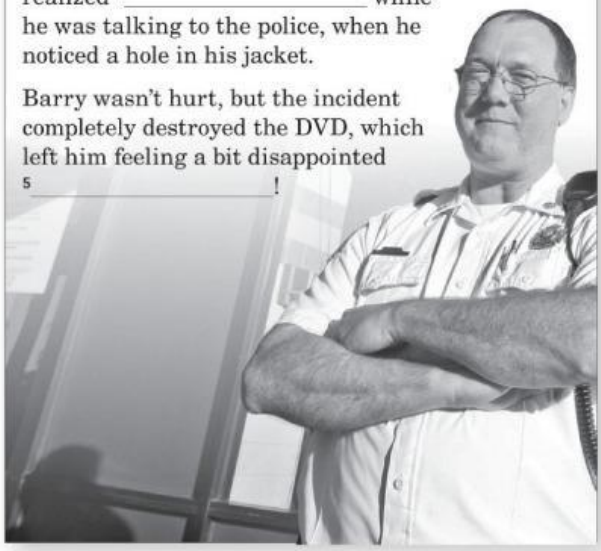
**3a** Read a newspaper article about a lucky escape. Underline four verbs in the past continuous and circle nine verbs in the past simple.

### The best DVD ever

Barry McRoy likes movies, but he never thought that a DVD [1]_____ would save his life.

Fire and Rescue Director Barry McRoy was walking out of a restaurant one day when two men ran past him. They were fighting over a gun [2]_____. One of them shot it and the bullet hit Barry in the chest. Luckily, he was carrying a DVD in his shirt pocket. [3]_____. Amazingly, he only realized [4]_____ while he was talking to the police, when he noticed a hole in his jacket.

Barry wasn't hurt, but the incident completely destroyed the DVD, which left him feeling a bit disappointed [5]_____!



**b** Put sentences and phrases a–e in the correct position in the text in exercise **3a**.

a what had happened 4
b A friend from work had recorded a TV programme for him the day before ___
c because he hadn't watched it yet ___
d which a colleague had given him ___
e because they'd had an argument ___

**c** 2.2 Listen and check.

**4** Choose the best verb tense to complete the text about Steve and Julia's unlucky honeymoon.

Steve and Julia didn't have the honeymoon they [1]*were always dreaming / had always dreamt* of. When they arrived at the airport, their flight [2]*took / had taken* off. They had to catch another flight later on and [3]*missed / were missing* most of the first day of their honeymoon.

There was another problem when they arrived at their hotel. While they [4]*were waiting / waited* for a room, one of their bags [5]*had disappeared / disappeared*. Fortunately, it was returned soon after – one of the other guests [6]*was taking / had taken* it by mistake.

They decided to enjoy the rest of the day and visit the city centre. They [7]*were going / had gone* back to the hotel when it started to rain heavily. The taxi driver said he [8]*hadn't seen / didn't see* such bad weather in a long time.

It [9]*rained / had rained* most of the week they were there; but fortunately, they [10]*had already gone / went* back home when a hurricane hit the island. While they [11]*were watching / had watched* the news at home, they felt really lucky after all.



### PRONUNCIATION *be* and *have*

**5a** 2.3 Listen to six sentences. Underline the weak forms of *be* and *have* and circle the strong ones.

1 When I got home, my wife had cooked my favourite dish.
2 In my childhood, I had a dog called Spot.
3 At the end of the day, he was exhausted.
4 Thanks, I was looking all over the place for that!
5 Actually, we have enough time to get there.
6 They were good friends at school.

**b** Match sentences 1–6 in exercise **5a** to reasons a–c.

a Weak form because it is an auxiliary verb: 1 and ___
b Strong form because it is the main verb: 2 and ___
c Weak form even though it is the main verb: ___ and ___

**c** 2.3 Listen again. Pause the listening and repeat after each sentence.

| I can ... | Very well | Quite well | More practice |
|---|---|---|---|
| talk about past experiences. | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| structure a narrative. | ○ | ○ | ○ |



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