

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

- 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.

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c 2.1 Listen and check.

Grammar narrative forms

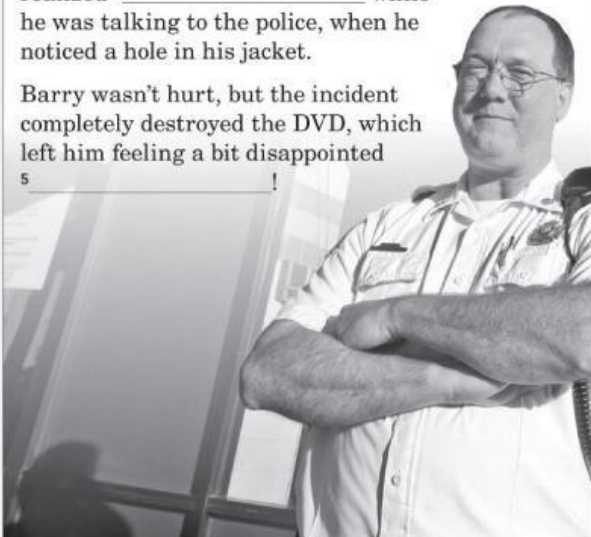
- 3a Read a newspaper article about a lucky escape. Underline four verbs in the past continuous and circle nine verbs in the past simple.

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.
- When I got home, my wife had cooked my favourite dish.
 - In my childhood, I had a dog called Spot.
 - At the end of the day, he was exhausted.
 - Thanks, I was looking all over the place for that!
 - Actually, we have enough time to get there.
 - 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 ...

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