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(4) WHAT A STORY

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.

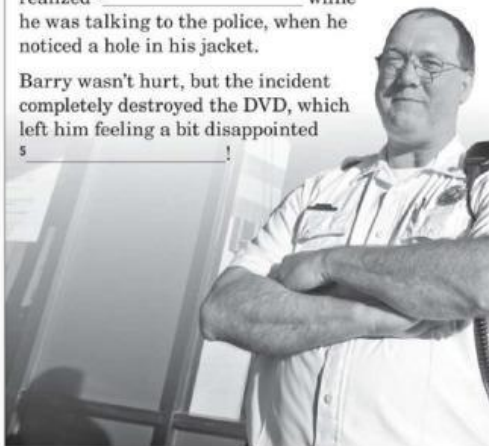
The best DVD ever

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 _____

- 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 _____