

Circle the correct words to complete the story.

Can you imagine losing something and having it appear / disappear again a quarter of a century later? April Bolt can. Twenty-five years ago, Bolt ²left her purse behind / got her purse back on a boat on South Carolina's Lake Hartwell. Before she could go back to get it, it ³appeared / disappeared. Maybe it ⁴fell off / dropped the boat. Or maybe someone picked it up and ⁵fell off / dropped it in the lake. She ⁶searched for / located it, but couldn't find it. Just a few months ago, however, 11-year-old Brodie Brooks ⁷discovered / searched for it while he was fishing on the same lake with his family. When Brooks opened the purse and found the owner's driver's license, his relative Ben Myers recognized the woman in the photo. She was a family friend! Myers ⁸returned / located Bolt and ⁹left behind / returned her purse to her. She was shocked that someone found it and was happy to ¹⁰get it back / leave it behind.

Write the affirmative simple past form of each verb. Then use the past forms of the words to write sentences that are true for you.

Present	Past	
1 know	knew	My dad knew I was upset about losing the game.
2 leave		
3 find		
4 take		
5 cry		
6 buy		
7 go		
8 get		

Find one error in each question or sentence. Then rewrite it correctly.

- How did you lost it? How did you lose it?
- I find your keys yesterday.
- Did you left it behind somewhere?
- Did he gets his phone back?
- Someone taked my wallet this morning.
- Did you tried to find it?
- I didn't looking for it at school.
- You drop it under your car yesterday?

For each sentence, underline the events that were in progress and circle the interrupting actions. Then complete two more sentences so they are true for you.

- We were getting on the train when I dropped my phone.
- Last night, I heard a noise while I was brushing my teeth.
- While I was cooking dinner, the phone rang three times.
- Jack was helping me with my homework when you came over.
- When I saw you, you were getting on a bus.
- While I was _____ last week, _____.
- _____ yesterday when _____.

Circle the correct phrases to complete the conversations.

- 1 A I *was sleeping / slept* on the train when someone *woke me up / was waking me up* at the end of the line.
B Wow! I bet you *felt sorry for him / were grateful / were in trouble*.
- 2 A While my nephews *rode / were riding* the roller coaster, it *broke / was breaking*.
B Oh no, it sounds like they *felt sorry for him / were grateful / were in trouble*.
- 3 A I saw your friend *dropped / was dropping* the cake while he was *carrying / carried* it to his girlfriend.
B Yeah, we *felt sorry for him / were grateful / were in trouble*.

Complete the conversation with words and phrases in the box. There are two extra words or phrases.

can't believe kidding never guess not going to
real-surprise serious seriously true

- A So, I had a ¹ real surprise this morning when I was getting ready for class.
B What happened?
A Well, I was watching TV, and you'll ² _____ who I saw.
B Who?
A It was Eduardo from our math class last year.
B You're ³ _____! Why was he on TV?
A He plays guitar in a band! And they're famous!
B Famous? Are you ⁴ _____? I didn't even know he was a musician.
A I didn't know either. And you're ⁵ _____ believe this. He writes all the songs!
B Wow, that's amazing!
A I know. I ⁶ _____ it.

Circle the repeated words that best express surprise.

- 1 A I'm visiting my sister in Tokyo for the weekend!
B In Tokyo? / Visiting your sister?
- 2 A I earned \$500 in tips at work today!
B At work? / \$500?
- 3 A Rosa was skiing and she broke her leg!
B Broke her leg? / Skiing?
- 4 A I saw an old friend today for the first time in ten years!
B An old friend? / Ten years?
- 5 A Wow, I walked 12 miles yesterday.
B Twelve miles? / Yesterday?

Write short conversations about surprising things that happened to you. Include expressions for giving surprising news, expressions for reacting with surprise, and repeated words. You can use the ideas given or your own ideas.

saw someone you knew a long time ago found something valuable won a game or contest

Conversation 1

A _____
B _____

Conversation 2

A _____
B _____

Conversation 3

A _____
B _____

Respond to each piece of surprising news. Use an expression for reacting with surprise and repeated words.

- 1 A You'll never guess who I saw when I was shopping today! I saw Angelina Jolie!
B *Angelina Jolie? Are you serious?*
A Yes! It was so exciting. But I lost my phone, so I couldn't take a picture.
- 2 A You're not going to believe this. I found a diamond ring in the park when I was running this morning.
B _____
A Yeah, but I think I'm going to take it to the police station.
- 3 A I had a real surprise this morning. Remember the ring I lost last year? I found it in a jar of pickles!
B _____
A Yes, it was so funny.
- 4 A I can't believe it. I had such a hard time this semester, but I got As in all of my classes.
B _____
A Uh-huh, I feel so good about it!
- 5 A You're not going to believe this. Someone took my wallet when I was at the police station.
B _____
A Yeah, I was shocked. The police were really helpful, though.

A **READ FOR DETAIL** Read Anna's story. Then read the statements and check (✓) *True*, *False*, or *Not given*.

When I was young, I was afraid of the dark, so I always slept with a small table lamp on. One night, I couldn't sleep. I got out of bed and went to the kitchen to get a glass of water. When I came back into my room, I stepped on something. As I fell onto the floor, the glass of water flew out of my hand, and the light went out. It was so dark and I was so scared. I was sure that there was a monster in my room and that I stepped on its foot! I screamed and screamed. My parents came running into the room to see what was wrong. By then I was crying and I couldn't really talk. My father turned my bedroom light on, and my mother picked me up off the floor and put me into my bed. After I calmed down, I said that a monster turned my lamp off when I stepped on its foot. Then my father bent over and picked something up. It was a stuffed animal! I tripped on it and accidentally unplugged the lamp as I fell down! We all laughed and laughed about it. Then my parents plugged my lamp back in and cleaned all the water off my floor.

	True	False	Not given
1 The writer was afraid of the dark.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 She couldn't sleep because she was afraid.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 When the light went out, she got back into bed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Her parents came in when they heard her screaming.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 She fell because she stepped on some water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>