

CLOSE CALL!

AudioScript

B

Listen to two people describe things that happened to them. Check True or False.

1.

Man: I sure had a close call yesterday! I was visiting a friend who lives on the other side of town. I'd parked my car down the street and was heading for her apartment building. I was just about at the door when I remembered I hadn't locked my car. So, I turned around and started back. Just then, I heard this scraping noise, and something fell from one of the balconies just above the entrance to the building. Anyway, it came crashing down just where I'd been standing. You know, if I hadn't gone back to lock my car, I'm sure it would've hit me. I was lucky I wasn't killed! It looked like someone had shoved something off a balcony, so I reported it to the police.

2.

Woman: A couple of months ago, I wanted to get rid of a big sofa I had in my apartment. So, I called a moving company, and two big guys came up to the apartment to take it away. They picked up the sofa and carried it out into the hallway. They were halfway to the elevator when they bumped it against the ceiling and set off the automatic sprinkler system. Water immediately started pouring out of it. That's when we found out there's no way to turn those sprinklers off. There was water everywhere! It was pouring back into my apartment and flooding every other apartment on my floor. What a disaster! The apartment manager had to call the fire department to come and turn the water off. By the time they got it off, the water had done a huge amount of damage.

Answers

A

Answers will vary.

B

1.

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False

2.

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False

C

1.

a. He was going to visit a friend.

b. He was lucky he wasn't killed.

2.

a. They bumped the sofa against the ceiling.

b. The fire department turned it off.

D

Answers will vary.

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A PAIR WORK Look at the pictures. What do you think happened to the man?
Discuss your ideas.



B Listen to two people describe things that happened to them.
Check (✓) True or False.

1.

1. The man returned to his car to get something.
2. Something crashed down and nearly hit him.
3. Part of a balcony had fallen off the building.
4. He didn't do anything about the situation.

True False

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2.

1. The woman wanted to get rid of a piano.
2. Water poured into her apartment.
3. The apartment manager called the fire department.
4. Not much damage was done.

True False

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C Listen again. Answer the questions.

1.

- a. Who was the man going to visit? _____
- b. Why was the man lucky? _____

2.

- a. What did the movers bump with the sofa? _____
- b. Who turned off the sprinkler system? _____

D GROUP WORK Talk about a close call you've had.