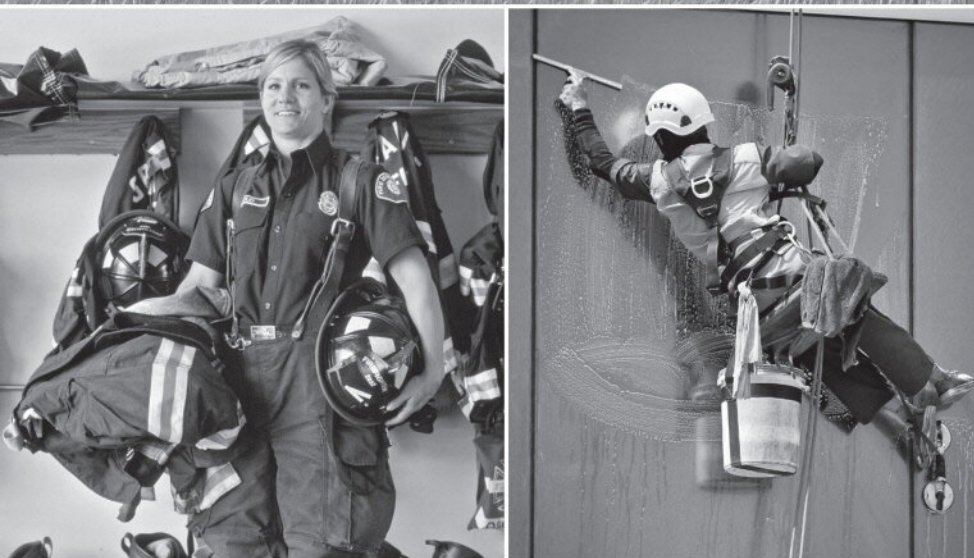


# What a story!

## 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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| 1 <u>e</u> | 4 _____ | 6 _____ |
| 2 _____    | 5 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 3 _____    |         |         |

**c** 2.1 ))) Listen and check.



**Grammar** narrative forms

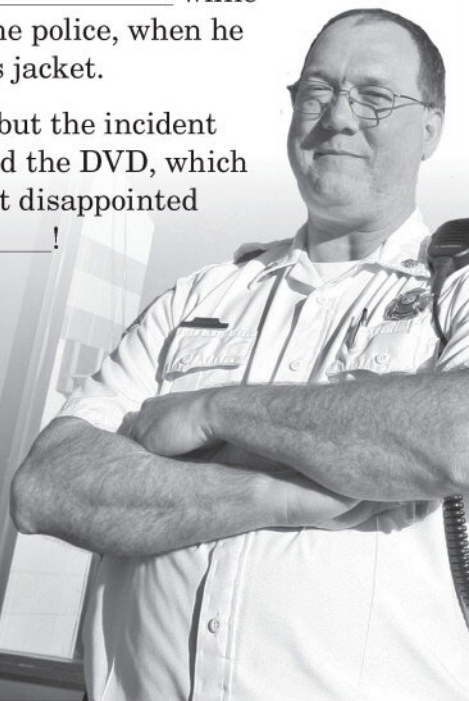
3a Read a newspaper article about a lucky escape. Underline four verbs in the past continuous and circle nine verbs in the past simple.

## The best DVD ever

Barry McRoy likes movies, but he never thought that a DVD <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. One of them shot it and the bullet hit Barry in the chest. Luckily, he was carrying a DVD in his shirt pocket. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Amazingly, he only realized <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_!



- 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 <sup>1</sup> were always dreaming / had always dreamt of. When they arrived at the airport, their flight <sup>2</sup> took / had taken off. They had to catch another flight later on and <sup>3</sup> missed / were missing most of the first day of their honeymoon.

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

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

It <sup>9</sup> rained / had rained most of the week they were there; but fortunately, they <sup>10</sup> had already gone / went back home when a hurricane hit the island. While they <sup>11</sup> 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 ...**

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