

3.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking telling and responding to a story

1a Complete the conversations with the words and phrases in the box.

a funny thing happened anyway I was so angry
 it was all OK in the end oh no what happened
~~we had a bad experience~~ we were so pleased!
 you're joking



Conversation 1

- A ¹ *We had a bad experience* when we were on holiday a few years ago. We hired a car and went exploring on the coast.
- B Where were you?
- A In the Canary Islands – in Fuerteventura, to be exact. So, ² _____, we were in this hired car and we decided to leave the main road. We were driving in some sand when, suddenly, the car got stuck.
- B ³ _____!
- A That's what I thought. ⁴ _____ with my husband – he went right when I said left, and suddenly, we were lost and stuck.
- B So, what did you do?
- A We walked about five kilometres to the nearest road, and then we got a taxi back to our hotel, where we called for help. ⁵ _____, but it cost us €250 to get the car out of the sand!

Conversation 2

- A ⁶ _____ last weekend when we went for a walk. We parked our car in a pretty little village and walked over the mountains to the next village. We were hoping to get a bus back to our car.
- B So, ⁷ _____?
- A We asked in a café about the buses, but there weren't any.
- B ⁸ _____!
- A No, it's true. The café was full, so we left and started looking for a place to have lunch. We were walking along the road when a woman stopped her car and told us to get in.
- B Why did she do that?
- A She heard us ask about the buses in the café, so she knew where we wanted to go. You see, she was working in the village where our car was, and so she took us there on the way to work. ⁹ _____!

b 3.3))) Listen and check.

Writing email (1): describing an event

2 Choose the correct options to complete the email.

Hi John,

It was great to hear from you. Yes, thanks, I had a great time visiting my family. The best day was when we all went for a walk together. We started walking at midday and ¹ *a short time later* / *finally* / *while*, something really funny happened. We were walking along by the side of a river, ² *after a few minutes* / *then* / *when* my brother decided to try and jump across it. ³ *Suddenly* / *To begin with* / *While*, we saw him run towards the river, so we all stopped to watch him. Unfortunately, the river was wider than he thought and he landed right in the middle. ⁴ *At first* / *But after* / *Half an hour later*, we didn't say anything, ⁵ *at last* / *but then* / *next* my brother started laughing. That made the rest of us laugh, too. ⁶ *At first* / *When* / *In the end*, my sister went to help him get out of the river. As you can imagine, he was very wet!

Anyway, I'll call you soon to see when I can show you the photos.

Love, Jane

I can ...

	Very well	Quite well	More practice
understand and use adverbs of manner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
tell and respond to a story.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write an informal email describing an event.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>