

2.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking showing interest

1 2.8))) Listen to two stories and choose the best title for each.

- 1 Saving a baby – twice! / A baby with a special talent
- 2 A strange bookshop / A book very far from home

2a Complete the conversations with words from the box.

amazing believe heard mean really
someone that way

Conversation 1

A I ¹ heard this incredible story about a baby who fell from a high window on top of a man who was passing by. They both survived, fortunately.

B ² _____?

A Wait, that's not all. You're not going to ³ _____ this, but a year later the very same baby fell from the same window onto the very same man.

B How ⁴ _____! I don't know what's more unbelievable: the coincidence or how careless the baby's parents were!

Conversation 2

C ⁵ _____ told me about this incredible coincidence with an American writer. She was in a bookshop when she saw her favourite childhood book. She showed it to her husband, and when he opened it, her name was written inside. It was the exact copy she had as a child!

D ⁶ _____'s incredible!

C Yes, especially considering she grew up in the USA and the bookshop was in Paris!

D What, you ⁷ _____ the book crossed the ocean and she still found it?

C Yeah, decades later.

D No ⁸ _____!

b 2.8))) Listen again and check.

3a 2.9))) Listen and write (I) if the speakers sound interested, and (N) if they don't.

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| 1 Really? <u>N</u> | 4 What, you mean ...? ____ |
| 2 How amazing! ____ | 5 No way! ____ |
| 3 That's awful! ____ | 6 You're joking! ____ |

b 2.10))) Listen to the same speakers sounding interested. Listen again and repeat, copying the intonation.

Writing a narrative

4 Complete the story with words from the box.

ago end instant just soon straightaway while

A few years ¹ ago, Dorothy Fletcher was flying to Florida for her daughter's wedding. She was enjoying the flight, but after a ² _____, when they were over the ocean, she started to feel unwell. Soon afterwards, she had a heart attack.

The flight attendant asked ³ _____ on the speaker system if there was a doctor on board, and, in an ⁴ _____, fifteen doctors got up and went to help her! They were travelling to a medical conference in Orlando.

They started treating her with the medical kit in the plane, and, at one point, one of the doctors said: 'I think we're losing her.' But ⁵ _____ then another doctor found her pulse again.

She was taken straight to hospital as ⁶ _____ as the plane landed. She then spent a few days in hospital, but in the ⁷ _____, she still managed to go to her daughter's wedding!



I can ...

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engage a listener and show interest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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