

CHECK!

Narrating an unexpected event

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Let's check!

Can I narrate an unexpected event?

- Can I use a range of vocabulary and phrases related to family history?
- Can I use the past perfect and past simple to order events in the past?
- Can I explain what a chance encounter is and give an example from my life?





Your family

Do you have a big family with lots of relatives?

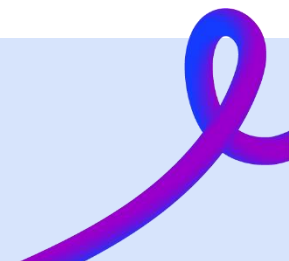


Do you think it's common to be closer to one side of your family than the other? Why?



Learning outcome 1

Can I use a range of vocabulary and phrases related to family history?





Family history

1. **Discuss** the questions below **in breakout rooms** or **as a whole class**.
2. If using breakout rooms, **compare** answers afterwards as a class:
 - Do you and your classmates have similar ideas about these topics?
 - Does anyone have a very different point of view than yours?



Do you think objects like **antiques** are important ways to connect with relatives who have **passed away**?

Would you travel a long way **to discover your roots** and to see where your relatives lived in the past?

Would you want to know about the **skeletons in the closet** when researching your family history?

What is something you would like to **pass down** to your relatives?



Let's check! Feedback round

Your teacher will now highlight what was done well and some mistakes that were made **in the last activity** for you to reflect on.



Good examples



Find the mistake!



Learning outcome 2

Can I use the past perfect and past simple to order events in the past?

Describe a major event in your life

Complete the activity in the red box, using the examples as a guide.

Think about **an important event** in your life. Choose one of the prompts below, or your own idea.

- a surprising discovery
- a celebration
- your last birthday
- a professional achievement

Use the **past perfect** and **past simple** to **describe the event** in detail. Look at the examples opposite to help you.

***I got promoted** at work last month. Although **I had worked** very hard to get to where I am, **I hadn't expected** it to happen so soon!*

*I hate surprises... So, when **my wife organised** a surprise 40th birthday party, **I was** embarrassed. Then I thought about how much time **she had spent** planning it...*

***I knew that** I had relatives in South America, but **I had never met** them. Then one day, **I received** a letter from my cousin, who **had moved away** before I was born...*



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Learning outcome 3

Can I explain what a chance encounter is and give an example from my life?



A chance encounter

Have you ever had a chance encounter with someone that changed your life in some way?

Who did you meet, and where?

What happened during your first meeting?

How did that meeting change your life?





Let's check! Feedback round

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Good examples



Find the mistake!



- Can I talk about my own family and where I come from?
- Can I use the past perfect and past simple to order events in the past?
- Can I explain what a chance encounter is and give an example from my life?

Your teacher will now recommend whether you should move on to the next chapter or review lessons from this chapter

End of the lesson

Idiom

Speak of the devil!

Meaning: You say this when you have been talking about someone, and then they arrive unexpectedly

Example: Speak of the devil! We were literally just talking about you!



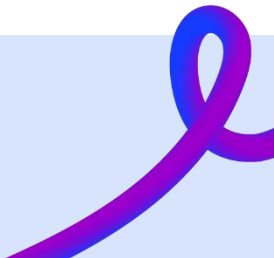
Additional practice



Inherited objects

Do you think that inherited objects can help us feel connected to people who have passed away?

Do you own anything that makes you feel connected to someone?





Expecting the unexpected



Expect the unexpected

Do you understand what this phrase means? Do you have something similar in your language?

Do you think it's good advice? Why should we expect the unexpected?

Can we do this in real life?





What had just happened?

Choose **one** of the situations and say **what had happened** with a partner.

- 1 Marta stood in the middle of the street in her pyjamas holding her dog under one arm and a cup of tea in her other hand.
- 2 When Kate got home, her house was a complete mess. The window was broken and there was paper everywhere. Her daughter was sitting on the sofa and she couldn't stop laughing.
- 3 Bob ran through the hotel reception and he was followed by another three men, all running quickly.





Are surprises good or bad?

You are going to **talk to your partner** about whether **surprises** are **good** or **bad**. Take a role each and give reasons for what you believe.



Role #1

You think surprises are a good thing.

Unexpected events make life more interesting.



Role #2

You think surprises are a bad thing.

It's good to have a plan and that's impossible when surprises keep happening.

- a chance encounter
- by chance
- to be in shock
- to bump into someone
- to get talking



Something unexpected happened

Choose one of the topics below and take two minutes to prepare. Try to use the **past perfect** and the **past simple** while you're speaking.

Something in the mail

A time you received something unexpected in the mail that made you happy.

A gift

A time you got a gift when it wasn't your birthday or a special holiday.

A journey

A time when something unexpected happened on a journey.

Work

A time when something happened at work that you weren't expecting.

A helping hand

A time when someone helped you when you were in a difficult situation or having a bad day.





Check Summary

My family biography

Vocabulary and phrases related to family history

- *to inherit, to pass (something) down, to pass away, to discover (your roots)*
- *an antique, a long-lost relative, mother's/father's side of the family,*

Compound nouns

- *Family tree, photo album*



Check Summary

The past perfect

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- We use the past perfect along with the past simple to order past events.
- The past perfect tense is used to describe **an action that happened before another action in the past.**

Forming the past perfect:

- **Subject + *had* + *past participle***



Check Summary

Chance encounters

Vocabulary for describing chance encounters:

- *to bump into; to get talking to; to exchange details; to stay in contact*
- *to be in the right place at the right time*

Narrative tenses:

- **Past simple:** a single or series of completed events in the past
- **Past continuous:** background information
- **Past perfect:** an action that happened before another action in the past



Vocabulary

antique

relative

remote

to inherit

roots

long-lost

photo album

mother's/father's side of the family

to pass away

to pass something down

skeletons in the closet

to set out on a journey

to discover your roots

(book) blurb



Vocabulary

reliable

chemistry

polished

cabinet

vapour

silver

mercury

to create

to react

visible



Vocabulary

chance encounter

to bump into...

to get talking

The rest is history

Turns out...

to ask someone out

to be in the right place at the right time

stormy

to throw

life-buoy

riverbank

to be in shock

to exchange details

