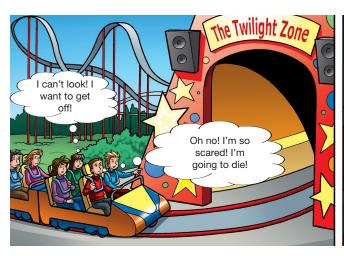


## **Upper Intermediate Unit 11b**

**Future** in the past





#### **Presentation**

#### was/were going to and was/were about to (+ infinitive)

Use was/were going to and was/were about to (+ infinitive) to say that we intended to do something but didn't.

I was going to get off but I stayed on.

He was about to get off the ride but he stayed on.

We also use was/were going to and was/were about to after verbs like say, know, promise and think.

I thought I was going to die!

He said he was going to close his eyes.

#### would (+ infinitive without to) and would have (+ past participle)

We use *would* to talk about the future in the past when we report thoughts, ideas, expectations, etc. with verbs like *say, know, promise* and *think*. We use this to describe both events that happened and those that didn't.

He promised he would take us to the theme park, but he never did.

*I knew they would be scared.* (and they were)

We use would have + past participle to talk about something that didn't happen in the past.

I would have invited you, but I thought you were away.

#### was/were supposed to (+ infinitive)

We use was/were supposed to to describe something that we expected to happen but didn't.

Where have you been? You were supposed to go to the theme park with us.!

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# Exercises

## **Exercises**

1	Match the two halves of the sentences.						
	1	I was going to take a day off from work			Α	want to come to the restaurant with us.	
	2	<ul> <li>Shaun was about to</li> <li>The builders promised</li> <li>I thought you would</li> <li>She would have</li> <li>You were supposed</li> </ul>			В	but I had too much to do at the office.	
	3				C	they were going to finish by the end of the week to catch the plane an hour ago! go home when his boss asked him to stay behind	
	4				D		
	5				Е		
	6				F	invited you as well, but she didn't know your email.	
2	Complete the sentences with one word.						
	1	1 They going to come too but their			it their car	broke down.	
	2	2 He was to relax with a coffee when the phone rang.					
	3	1			elp me with	be late, but no one had their phone!	
	4				'd be late, b		
	5 Where have you been? This delivery was			is delivery was			
3	Rewrite the first sentence using the word in bold.						
	1	I was going to call you but you called me.					
		about	Ι		, bı	ut you called me.	
	2 She knew that you are always late and you were.						
		would She knew you				and you were.	
	3	Why weren't you here at nine?					
		supposed		here	here at nine!		
	4	I thought ab	out asking yo	u to marry me years	ago but I never thought you'd say 'yes'!		
		would have		you to marry me years ago but I ou'd say 'yes'!		you to marry me years ago but I never thought	
			you'd say 'y				
	5	I'd planned to go away for the weekend, but I didn't go.					
		going	Ι		, bi	but I didn't go.	
4	·						
	1	1 Last week I was going to				but I didn't have time.	
	2	2 I promised a friend I would				and I did.	
	3 I would have				but	•	