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1 TELLING ABOUT PAST EXPERIENCES

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- 606 We prepared a picnic lunch and drove down by the river.
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- 608 On the way back home, we had a flat tire.
- 609 It was after dark when we got back, and we were all tired.
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VERB STUDY

1. avoid, jump back

- a. I jumped back in time to avoid being hit by a car.
- b. I avoided an accident by jumping back.
- c. He always avoids driving on busy streets.
- d. Mr. Cooper is avoiding me these days.

2. become

- a. We never imagined that John would become a doctor.
- b. Did you know that Ralph became a doctor?
- c. The meeting is becoming interesting.
- d. Whatever became of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper?

3. cross

- a. I was crossing the street and was almost hit by a car.
- b. Please don't cross the street here. Cross at the corner.
- c. I crossed the street and went into the restaurant.
- d. It's important to cross busy streets at the corner.

4. live

- a. I'm now living in New York.
- b. I've lived here for more than 20 years.
- c. My sister lives in California.
- d. We live in a big white house on Washington Street.

5. prepare

- a. We prepared a picnic lunch and drove down by the river.
- b. We're preparing the lunch now.
- c. My mother prepares wonderful food.
- d. Be prepared for engine trouble if you take my car.

realize

- a. I never realized that someday I would be living in California.
- b. She realizes that it costs too much, but she wants it anyway.
- c. I'm just realizing how hard it is to speak another language.
- d. Do you realize that you were almost hit by a car?

wish

- a. I wish you would give me a more detailed description of your trip.
- b. She wishes she could go with us to Africa.
- c. Have you ever wished you could travel around the world?
- d. Do you wish you could have a new car?

SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. A strange
An odd
An interesting
A funny
A peculiar
An amazing

thing happened to me this morning.

2. I was crossing the street and was almost hit by

a car an ambulance a fire engine a truck a motorcycle a sports car

3. Fortunately, I

jumped back realized the danger reacted got out of the way

in time to avoid being hit.

4. It was a terrible

experience shock feeling situation

, and I won't forget it.

5. Yesterday was such a

beautiful magnificent glorious perfect

day we decided to go for a

6. We prepared a picnic lunch and drove down by the

river creek brook lake canal

7. After a while, we found a shady place

under some poplar beneath some oak near some elm by some redwood trees.

8. On the way back home, we had

a flat tire some engine trouble a blowout motor trouble an accident a breakdown

9. It was after dark when we got back and we were all

tired exhausted worn-out

10. I wish you would give me a more detailed

description account report story of your trip.

11. Speaking of Talking about On the subject of trips, did I ever tell you about my experience?

12. We used to

have a lot of fun get into a lot of trouble behave strangely tell a lot of jokes when we were that age.

13. I can't

recall remember reconstruct report the exact circumstances.

14. I never realized that someday I would be

living in New York married to a genius flying a plane learning a foreign language

15. We never

imagined suspected dreamed realized

that John would become a doctor.

16. Pleas

I wish you would I'd like you to tell me about your trip.

17. Let me tell you

the exact circumstances all the details the whole story

18.

Are you sure Do you think	he'll be
Did you think Did you realize Did you ever dream	he would be

a doctor someday?

READING

Telling About Past Experiences

An odd thing happened to me last Sunday. It was such a beautiful day that I decided to go for a leisurely drive in the country.

On the way back home, my motor stopped. I was out of gasoline on a lonely road far from a town. I decided to walk until I found someone who could sell me a gallon or two of gasoline.

I had walked almost a mile before I finally found a big house near the road. I was glad to see it because it was starting to get dark.

I knocked on the door and a little old lady with long white hair answered. She said, "I've been waiting for you for a long time. Come in. Tea is almost ready."

"But I only came for some gasoline," I answered. I couldn't imagine what she was talking about.

"Oh, Alfred! Gasoline? You used to prefer tea."

I quickly explained that my car was out of gasoline, but she didn't seem to hear me. She just kept calling me Alfred and talking about how long it had been since she had seen me. She was behaving very strangely and I was anxious to leave. As soon as she went to get the tea I went out of the house as fast as I could.

Fortunately, there was another house down the road, and I was able to buy several gallons of gasoline. When I told the man about my experience, he said, "Oh, that's Miss Emily. She lives by herself in that big house. She's peculiar, but she wouldn't hurt anyone. She's still waiting for the man she was supposed to marry thirty years ago. The day before their wedding he went away and never came back."

Questions

- 1. Why did the man in the story decide to go for a drive?
- 2. Where was he when his motor stopped?
- 3. What was wrong with his car?
- 4. What did he decide to do?
- 5. What did the old lady say to him?
- 6. Why did he run out of the house?
- 7. What did the man tell him about Miss Emily?

CONVERSATION

Telling About Past Experiences

Jim: Harry! What's the matter? You look pale. Are you sick?

HARRY: I just had a terrible experience.

JIM: Sit down. Let me get you a glass of water. HARRY: No thanks, Jim. I'll be fine in a minute.

JIM: Did you have an accident?

HARRY: Not quite, but almost. I was crossing the street just now and was almost hit by a car. Fortunately, I jumped back in time.

Jim: How awful! I hope you got the license number of the car so

you can report this man to the police department.

HARRY: Before I realized what had happened, the car was gone.

Jim: Drivers like that should have their licenses taken away from them.

HARRY: I agree. I won't forget this for a long time.

JIM: I'm sure you won't.

HARRY: Yes, from now on I won't cross the street in the middle of the

block reading my newspaper. I'll have to watch where I'm going, since there are dangerous drivers like that one on the

road.

PARTICIPATION DRILLS

Drill 1

STUDENT A

Did you have some engine trouble?

some engine trouble
a flat tire
a blowout
motor trouble
an accident
a breakdown
a terrible experience

a lot of trouble

STUDENT B

Yes, we did. We had some engine trouble.

Drill 2

STUDENT A

Did you reatize the danger?

realize the danger react in time get out of the way have a picnic jump back go for a drive cross the street

STUDENT B

Yes, I did.
I realized the danger.

EXERCISES

The Subject of the Sentence

1.	 Complete the sentences below by from the following list of nouns and 	selecting the appropriate d pronouns:	e subject
	I peculiar yesterday we lunch shady pl	thing blowout accident ace	
	 a was a beautiful day and a picnic. 	my friend and I decided	to have
	b. A picnic on a summer ence.	day can be a wonderful	experi-
	c. Ahappened to us on the	way to the picnic.	
	d was driving to the picnic	•	my tire.
	e. A on a busy road can be		
	f. Fortunately, we didn't have an _	=	
	g were worn-out after char	ging the tire.	
	h. A would have been won near the road.	nderful, but we couldn't f	ind one
2.	. Complete the sentences below by noun and inserting it in the space pr	/ selecting the correct su ovided.	bstitute
	 Some people are very careful w gerous and have accidents. (Oth 	hen they drive a ers, Another, Other)	re dan-
	b. The children were having a go TV. (This, Several, Another)		atching
	c. This account of the President's was not very detailed. (one, three	trip was complete. That e, another)	
•	d. One of my friends was always telescrious. (several, a few, another)	lling jokes but	s more
•	e. We had a good time in New Yor place to visit. (That, Others, And	k City was a won	ıderful

f.	John would like to become a fession. (One, That, Other)	do	ctor is an excellent pro-
ģ.	The poplar trees over here g there were too small. (these,		us some shade, but over t, those)
h.	Those tires in the back of the are worn out. (these, that, the		ar are new, but in front
G			rms are used in subject position. question to practice using this
Ex	ample: Was learning a foreign Yes, learning a foreign		
<i>a</i> .	Could reacting quickly to a Yes,	Ы	owout avoid an accident?
b.	Was having an automobile a Yes,	ccio	dent a terrible experience?
с.	Is flying a plane difficult? Yes	š,	
d.	Was having a picnic near the Yes,	riv	er a wonderful experience?
e .	Was exchanging stories abou Yes,	t fo	reign countries interesting?
f.	Was crossing the street against	t th	te light a good joke? No,
Se se	lect a subject from Column lecting an appropriate ending f	A rom	and complete the sentence by Column B.
	Α		В
a.	A beautiful morning and a	u.	is a small stream of water.
	picnic lunch	v.	were all we needed for a per-
b.	An ambulance and a police		fect holiday.
_	A flot time as assis as a 11		are beautiful shade trees.
	A flat tire or engine trouble An oak and an elm	x.	went down the street to the
	My friends and I	v	accident.
	-,	у.	were exhausted after driving all

day.

z. is a terrible problem.

3.

4.

f. A brook or a creek

The function words "there" and "it" are often used in subject position in sentences.

Change each of the following sentences so that the subject is "there" or "it".

Examples: Getting a job is not difficult. It is not difficult to get a job.

Many students are in the class. There are many students in the class.

- a. Taking a trip is expensive.
- Remembering the exact circumstances of an accident is important.
- c. Picnicking near a lake is wonderful.
- d. Telling jokes is a lot of fun.
- e. Forgetting a terrible experience is not easy.
- f. A big oak tree was near the canal.
- g. Several accounts of the accident were given to the police.

WORD LIST

account danger amazing description ambulance detail beneath detailed blowout elm breakdown engine brook ever canal exhausted circumstance experience creek feeling	fire engine flat fortunately genius glorious lake magnificent motor motorcycle	oak odd peculiar picnic poplar redwood report river shady	shock someday sports car strangely such tire under whole worn-out
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Verb Forms

Expressions

avoid become, became (p.), become (p. part.) behave cross dream get back	happen hit, hit (p. and p. part.) jump back react realize reconstruct report suspect	get into trouble get out of the way have fun in time on the way back tell jokes

Supplementary Word List

(Conversation and Reading Practice)
driver hair knock license

2 ASKING ABOUT FURNITURE AND PLACES TO LIVE

- We're looking for a house to rent for the summer.
- 617 Are you trying to find a furnished house?
- 618 This split-level house is for rent. It's a bargain.
- 619 That house is for sale. It has central heating.
- 620 We have a few kitchen things and a dining room set.
- This is an interesting floor plan. Please show me the basement.
- 622 The roof has leaks in it, and the front steps need to be fixed.
- 623 We've got to get a bed and a dresser for the bedroom.
- 624 Does the back door have a lock on it?
- 625 They've already turned on the electricity. The house is ready.
- 626 I'm worried about the appearance of the floor. I need to wax it.
- 627 If you want a towel, look in the linen closet.
- 628 What style furniture do you have? Is it traditional?
- 629 We have drapes for the living room, but we need kitchen curtains.
- 630 The house needs painting. It's in bad condition.

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VERB STUDY

1. worry (about), be worried (about)

- a. I'm worried about the appearance of the floor.
- b. Aren't you worried about the roof? It has leaks in it.
- c. I'm worrying about my new job.
- d. There's nothing to worry about.
- e. Mr. Cooper worries about his health.
- f. Did you worry about me while I was away?
- g. I'm worried about our front steps. They need to be fixed.
- h. I've never known anybody who worried as much as you do.

2. rent

- a. We're looking for a house to rent for the summer.
- b. Who rented the house next door to you?
- c. We're renting this house for the summer.
- d. Would you rather rent the house than buy it?
- e. Who's renting your house in Florida this winter?
- f. Did you rent this house just for the summer?
- g. She rents two houses: one for the summer, and one for the winter.
- h. I'm sorry. We've already rented the house to somebody else.

3. show

- a. This is an interesting floor plan. Please show me the basement.
- b. The usher will show you to your seats.
- c. The salesman showed me a new car yesterday afternoon.
- d. She's sick, but she doesn't show it.
- e. The waiter is showing them to a table.
- f. Mr. Cooper is going to show me his new house at 2 o'clock.
- g. Why didn't you show me the front steps? They need to be fixed.
- h. May I show you to the door?

4. wax

- a. I need to wax the floor.
- b. Did you wax your car yesterday as you planned to?
- c. I couldn't wax the car because it rained all day.
- d. My car looked new after I finished waxing it.
- My wife waxed the dining room table because we were having guests.
- f. John waxes his car once a month.
- g. This floor needs waxing. Look at its appearance!
- h. When was the last time you waxed the kitchen floor?