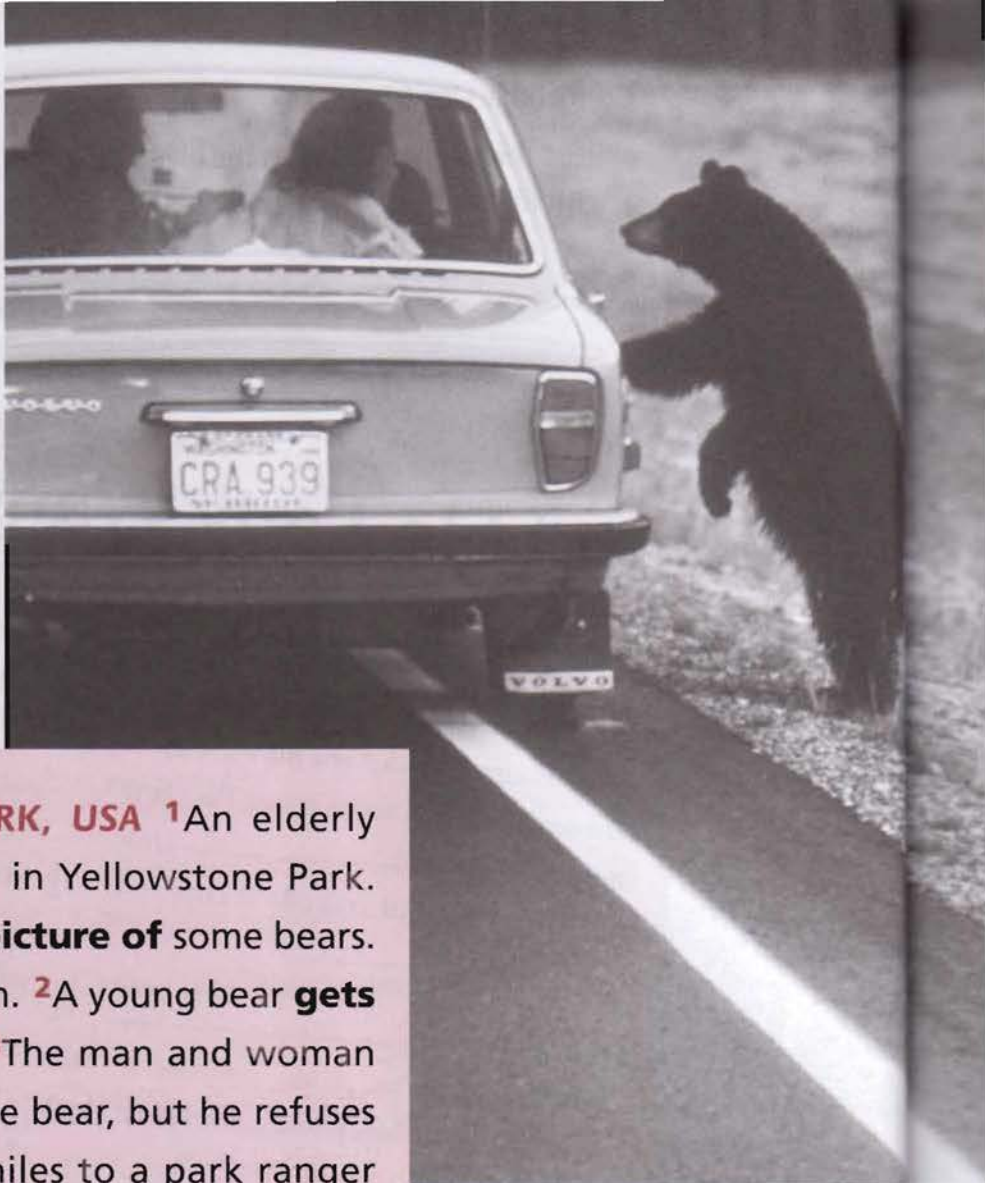


Bear Goes on Vacation



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 35.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, USA ¹An elderly couple **is taking a vacation** in Yellowstone Park. They stop their car to **take a picture of** some bears. They leave their car doors open. ²A young bear **gets in**. He **is looking for** food. ³The man and woman **do their best** to get rid of the bear, but he refuses to move. ⁴So they drive 17 miles to a park ranger station with the bear in the back seat. ⁵When the man gets out to report the problem, the bear **gets in** the front seat. ⁶The rangers can **not believe their eyes!** They find a woman in the passenger seat and a bear behind the wheel.

New idioms and expressions

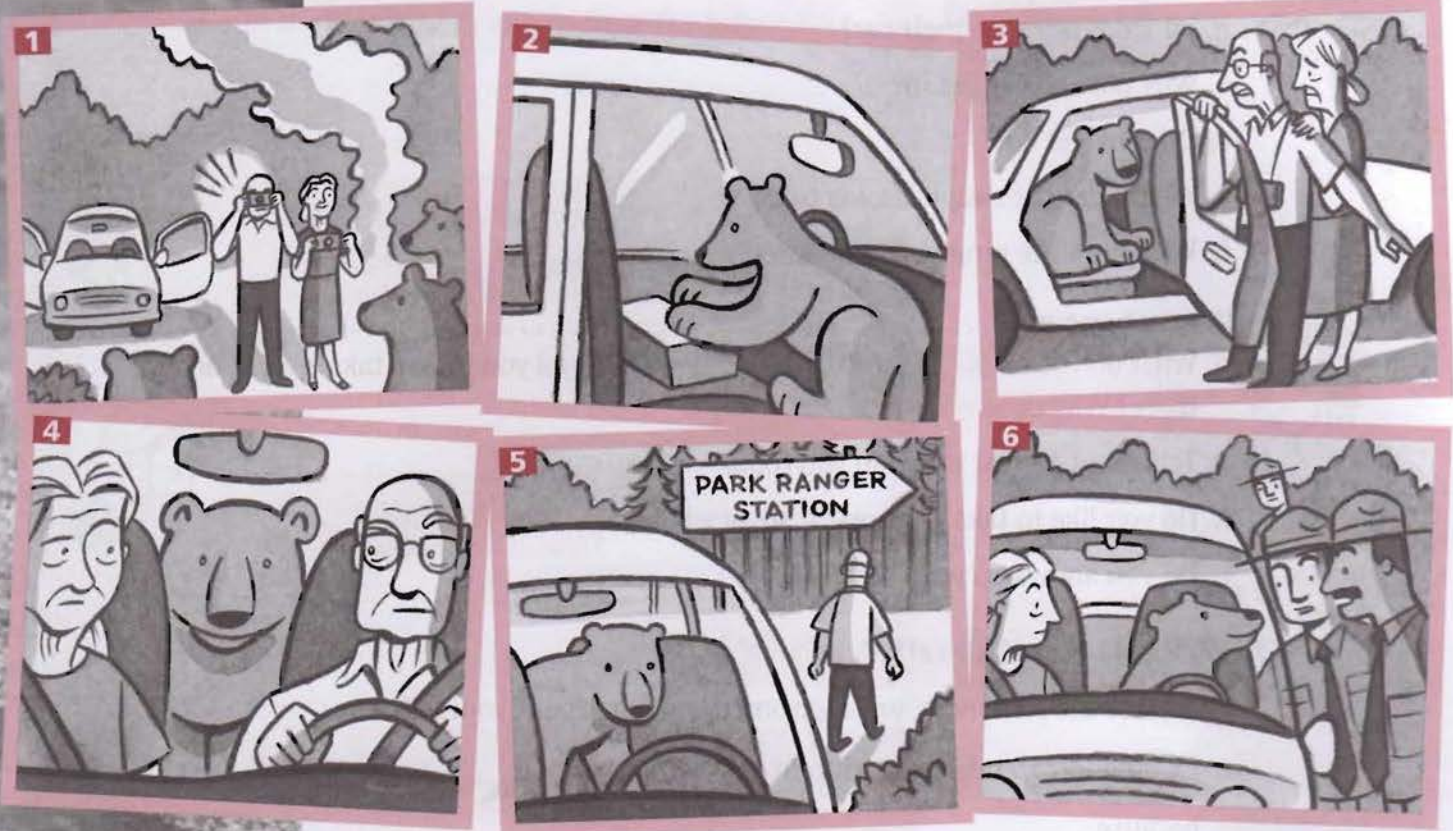
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| on vacation | away from work or school; on holiday |
| take a vacation | have time away from work or school |
| take a picture (of someone or something) | use a camera to get a photograph (of someone or something) |
| get in (something)* | enter (a car, bed, bathtub, shower, or small boat) |
| look for someone or something* | try to find someone or something |
| do one's best | perform as well as you can |
| not believe one's eyes | be very surprised to see something |

recycled idioms: get rid of, get out

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

4. Match

Cover page 34. Match the definition in column A to the idiom in column B.

A

- ___ a. try to find
- ___ b. enter (a car, bed, etc.)
- ___ c. be very surprised
- ___ d. away from work or school
- ___ e. perform as well as you can

B

- 1. get in
- 2. on vacation
- 3. do your best
- 4. look for
- 5. not believe your eyes

5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- a. First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- b. Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

6. Answer the Questions

About the story

- a. Where is the couple taking a vacation?
- b. Why do they stop their car?
- c. Why does a bear get in?
- d. Does he get out?
- e. What does the couple decide to do?
- f. Why can't the rangers believe their eyes?

About you

- g. What do you know about Yellowstone Park? Would you like to take a vacation there? Why or why not?
- h. Tell about a great vacation you took.
- i. Do you like to take pictures? If so, of what?
- j. Do you always do your best?

7. Write About Yourself

Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- a. I would like to take a vacation to _____
because _____.
- b. When I go on vacation, I always look for _____
_____.
- c. I always do my best when I am _____
_____.

8. Take a Dictation

An elderly couple _____ in Yellowstone Park. They stop their car to _____ some bears. A young bear _____. He's _____ food. The man and woman _____ to get rid of the bear, but he refuses to move. So they drive 17 miles to a ranger station with the bear in the back seat. When the man gets out to report the problem, the bear _____ the front seat. The rangers can _____. They find a woman in the passenger seat and a bear behind the wheel.

9. Complete the Dialogue

a. Marcella and Hyunwoo are neighbors. Marcella sees Hyunwoo putting suitcases in the car. Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- get in
- won't believe your eyes
- taking a vacation
- on vacation
- take pictures



Hi, Hyunwoo. **What's up?***
Where are you going?

(1) _____.



You are?

Didn't I tell you? To the Grand Canyon.



You're (2) _____ to the
Grand Canyon? How wonderful! Can I come?

Sure.
(3) _____!



Great idea—ha ha! I wish I could. I was there a few
years ago and loved it. Do you have your camera?
You'll want to (4) _____.

Yes, and I have **tons of**** film.



It's so beautiful. You
(5) _____.

* What's up?: What's happening?; How are you? (informal)

** tons of: a lot of

b. Work with a partner. Role-play the dialogue together.