

# Unit 7 - A CLOSE SHAVE



## CONVERSATION STARTERS

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT...?

Track 45



**1** **FIRST LISTENING.** Listen. Is the speaker talking about a personal story (P) or a reported story (R)? Fill in the table.

Tracks 46-48



**1. PERSONAL**  
(happened to them)  
**REPORTED**  
(happened to someone else)

**2. DETAILS**

Car



Bag



Fight



Face



Shark



Bear



Gun



Food



Heater



Gas stove



Hot



Sleeping



**2** **SECOND LISTENING.**  
Listen again. What kind of accident or incident are they talking about? Circle the words that are mentioned in the conversations.

**BONUS:** Discuss with a partner.

1. Which story was the most surprising to you?
2. Have you had any "close calls" like these?

Check the script and try the **LANGUAGE AWARENESS** activity on page 87.





## 1 EXPRESSIONS. Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

happened    guess    believe    hear

- \_\_\_\_\_ what! Someone stole my wallet!
- Did you \_\_\_\_\_ about the fire?
- You'll never \_\_\_\_\_ what happened last night!
- Guess what \_\_\_\_\_ to me last night!

## 2 VOCABULARY. Match these phrases with the best pictures.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. my house caught on fire
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. there was an explosion downtown
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. a lion escaped from the zoo
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. a man robbed me
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. there was a plane crash
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I was in a car accident
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. a snake bit me
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. a dog attacked me



### HOW THE GRAMMAR WORKS:

#### Past and Past Continuous

PAST CONTINUOUS + WHEN + SIMPLE PAST

Some action **was** happening when something happened.

*I was surfing on a wave when a shark attacked me.*

*I was paying my bill when I noticed my wallet was gone.*

## 3

**LET'S PRACTICE.** Pretend these things happened to you. Tell your partner. Use the expressions in step 1 and the vocabulary in step 2.

**Example:**

**A:** *Guess what! A dog attacked me.*

**B:** *Are you serious? What happened?*

**Partner: respond to the stories.**

*That's strange.*

*That's weird.*

*That's exciting.*

*That's scary.*

*That's interesting.*

*Oh, wow! I don't know what to say!*



# CONVERSATION MODEL

## GUESS WHAT HAPPENED!

1



**SITUATION.** Listen to the conversation.

Track 49

GUESS WHAT HAPPENED TO ME YESTERDAY!

WHAT?

I WAS WALKING ALONE AT MIDNIGHT WHEN A MAN TOOK MY BAG. (1) / (2)

ARE YOU SERIOUS? THAT'S AWFUL. WHAT DID YOU DO?

I RAN AFTER HIM. (3)

WOW - THAT'S SCARY!

2

**SUBSTITUTION.** Connect the words and phrases in the columns. More than one answer is possible.

(1)

hiking  
crossing the road  
jogging  
driving my car

(2)

a bus hit me  
a spider bit me  
it caught on fire  
a dog attacked me

(3)

called the fire department  
went to the hospital  
killed it  
ran away



**HOW THE PRONUNCIATION WORKS:**

**Change sounds:**

What did you do? ➔ What di jew do?

I ran after him. ➔ I ran afta rim.

3

**PRACTICE.** Work with a partner.

Practice the conversation.

Use the substitutions.

Then use your own ideas.





## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

**1 GET READY.** With a partner choose one picture below. Create a story about your picture. Be creative!

**2 LET'S TALK.** With your partner, decide how to tell your story. You can pretend that it is your story, or you can pretend it is someone else's story. You choose. Make a list of the events in the story:

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

After that: \_\_\_\_\_

Finally: \_\_\_\_\_



**3 FOLLOW UP.** Tell your story to another pair. Did you think of similar or different stories?



### BONUS: Speaking Activity

- Imagine you are in these situations. What do you do?
  - You arrive home after school or work and your house is on fire.
  - You arrive home after school or work and there's a robber in your home.
  - You see someone being mugged on the street.
- Have you heard about any accidents or unusual events in the news recently?



### AMY'S CONVERSATION TIP

#### How to have interesting conversations.

Telling stories is a great way to make your conversations more interesting. Here are some tips for becoming a good story teller:

- Read the newspaper, news magazines, or news websites.
- Remember interesting stories that happen to your friends and family.
- Try to experience a lot of things yourself!