



1 **SNAPSHOT**

Success Stories	
 <p>Oprah Winfrey Richest entertainer in the U.S.A. (worth almost \$200 million)</p> <p>Personal: Born January 29, 1954, in Mississippi</p> <p>Education: B.A. in speech and performing arts from Tennessee State University</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 19, was first African-American news anchor on WTVF-TV in Nashville. • Began <i>The Oprah Winfrey Show</i>, one of the most popular talk shows in the United States. • After several years, founded a company and bought her own show! 	 <p>William Henry Gates III Richest businessman in the world (worth almost \$20 billion)</p> <p>Personal: Born October 28, 1955, in Seattle, Washington</p> <p>Education: Dropped out of Harvard University after second year</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote the first computer language for personal computers. • At 19, founded Microsoft Corporation, the world's leading computer software company. • At 31, became the world's youngest billionaire!

Sources: *The African-American Almanac*; *Forbes*

Talk about these questions.

What is the most impressive accomplishment of each of these people?

Name three successful people from your country. What have they accomplished?

2 **CONVERSATION**

A  Listen and practice.

Richard: How did you get into modeling, Stacy?

Stacy: Well, when I graduated from drama school, I moved to Los Angeles to look for work as an actress. I was going to auditions every day, but I never got any parts. And I was running out of money.

Richard: So, what did you do?

Stacy: I got a job as a waitress in a seafood restaurant. While I was working there, a customer offered me some work as a model. Within a few weeks, I was modeling full time.

Richard: Wow, what a lucky break!



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B  Listen to the rest of the conversation. What did Richard do after he graduated? What does he do now?

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Past continuous vs. simple past

Past continuous: for an action in progress in the past

I was going to auditions every day,
I was running out of money,
While I was working at the restaurant,

Simple past: for a completed action

but I never got any parts,
when I got a job as a waitress,
a customer offered me a job as a model.

A Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

- I (drive) in England when I suddenly (realize) I was on the wrong side of the road.
- I (live) with my grandparents when I (enter) high school.
- I (make) dinner last night when the phone (ring).
- Tracy and Eric (work) in a restaurant in Vancouver when they (meet).
- Several years ago, I (have) problems with math, so I (have) to find a tutor.
- We (live) in a tiny apartment when our first child (be) born.
- My brother (ice-skate) when he (break) his arm.
- I (watch) TV when the power (go) out.

B Complete these sentences with interesting information about yourself. Use the simple past or the past continuous.

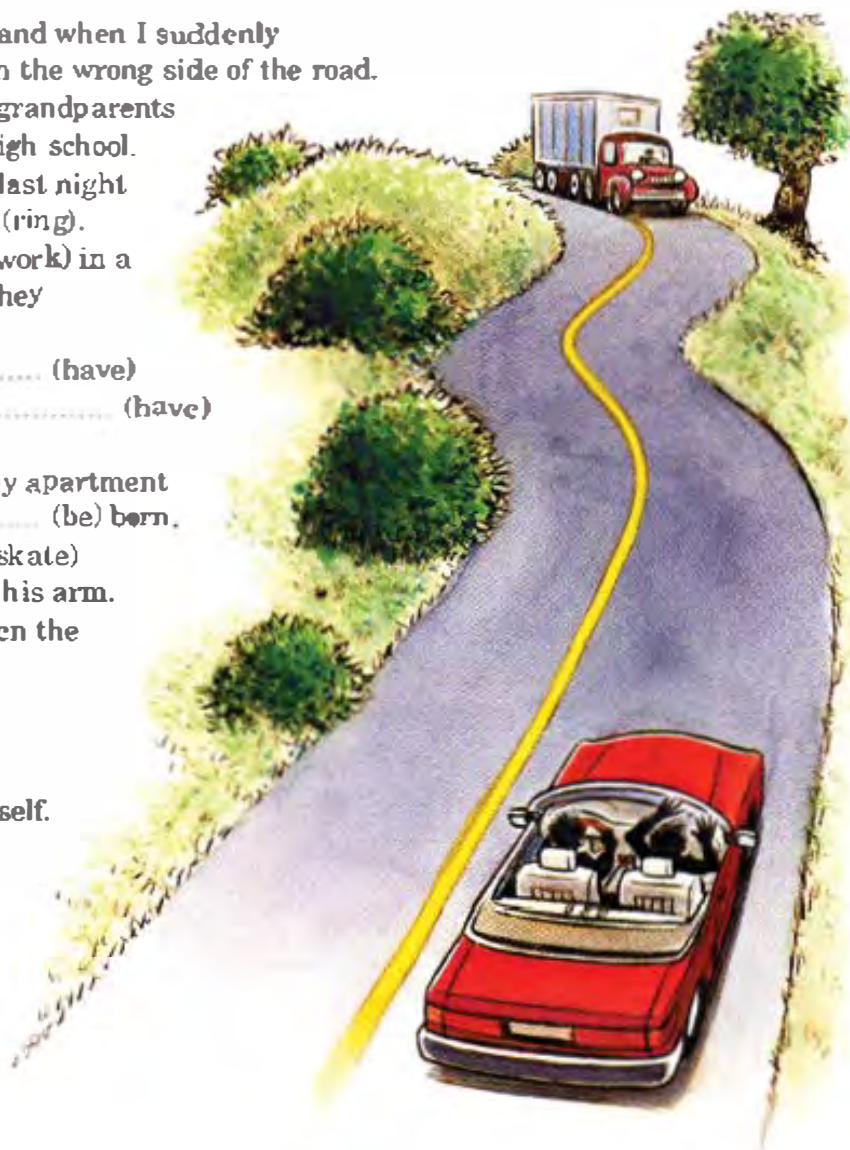
- During my childhood,
- I met my best friend while
- When I was going to elementary school,
- Two years ago,
- Last year,

C Pair work Take turns reading your sentences from part B. Then ask and answer follow-up questions.

- A: During my childhood, my family was living in Chile.
B: Oh, really? What were they doing there?
A: My father was working for a mining company.
B: ...

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Oh, really? That's interesting.
Why were you/did you ... ?
Wow! That's incredible!



4 LISTENING *Lucky breaks*



Listen to people talk about their professions. What professions are they in? How did they get their lucky breaks?

	Celia	Rodney	Victor
Profession
Lucky break

5 WORD POWER *Human ages*

A What age range can each of these words be used for?

kid	1 - 12	woman	.....	boy	.....
infant	.....	young person	.....	man	.....
child	.....	middle-aged person	.....	young adult	.....
adolescent	.....	baby	.....	elderly person	.....
girl	.....	teenager	.....	

B Pair work Compare your ideas.

A: I think a kid is between the ages of 1 and 12.

B: I think a kid can be between 1 and 17.

C Class activity Compare information around the class.



6 WRITING

A Write a short biography of an interesting person in your family – a grandparent, an aunt or uncle – or of someone else you know about.

My grandmother was born in Poland, but she moved to Toronto in 1946 when she was a teenager. She met my grandfather in 1955 when she was working in a department store. After that, ...

B Pair work Exchange papers. Answer any questions your partner may have.

7 CONVERSATION

A  Listen and practice.

Pete: Hey, Joan! I haven't seen you in ages.
What have you been doing lately?

Joan: Nothing exciting. I've been working two jobs for
the last six months.

Pete: How come?


Joan: I'm saving up money for a trip to Europe.

Pete: Well, I've only been *spending* money. I quit my job
to go to graduate school. I'm studying journalism.

Joan: Really? How long have you been doing that?

Pete: For two years. Luckily, I finish next month.
I'm almost out of money.



B  Listen to two other people at the party.
What has happened since they last saw each other?

8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Present perfect continuous

Use the present perfect continuous for actions that start in the past and continue into the present.

What have you been doing lately?

I've been working two jobs for the last six months.

Have you been saving money?

No, I haven't been saving any money. I've been spending it.

A Complete these conversations. Then practice them with a partner.

1. A: What you (do) these days?

B: Well, I (spend) my free time
at the beach.

2. A: you (work) part time this year?

B: Yes, I have. I (work) at a shoe store
on the weekends.

3. A: How you (feel) lately?

B: Great! I (get) a lot of sleep, and I
..... (eat) too much fat or sugar.


4. A: you (get) enough
exercise lately?

B: No, I haven't. I (g) to the gym
often enough.

B Pair work Take turns asking the questions in
part A. Give your own information.



9 PRONUNCIATION Contrastive stress

A  Listen and practice. You can change the meaning of a sentence by stressing different words.

I've been studying **journalism**. (normal stress)

A: Has your brother been studying journalism?

B: No, I've been studying journalism.

A: Are you going to study journalism?

B: No, I've **been** studying journalism.

A: Have you been teaching journalism?

B: No, I've been **studying** journalism.

A: Have you been studying literature?

B: No, I've been studying **journalism**.

B Pair work Practice this conversation. Pay attention to contrastive stress.

A: Has it been a year since I last saw you?

B: No, it's been two years.

A: Have you been losing weight?

B: Well, actually, I've been gaining weight.

A: **Oh**, and have you been going to school?

B: No, I've been teaching school.

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Life is like a game!

Play a board game.

Turn to page IC-16.

10 REALLY? HOW INTERESTING!

A Group work What interesting things can you find out about your classmates? Ask these questions and others of your own.

Have you been doing anything exciting recently?

Are you studying anything right now?

How long have you been studying it?

Have you met anyone interesting lately?

Who is your best friend? How did you meet?

Where were you living ten years ago? Did you

like it there? What do you remember about it?

Have you been saving up to buy anything special?

How long have you been saving up for it?

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Really? I didn't know that!

Oh, I see.

Gee, I had no idea.

Wow! Tell me more.

B Class activity Tell the class the most interesting thing you learned about someone in your group.



"I've been going skydiving."

11 READING

Child Prodigies

Do you know of any child prodigies?



SARAH CHANG is described by other musicians as ‘the most wonderful, perfect violinist’ they’ve ever heard. What makes this praise especially surprising is Sarah’s age: She’s only a teenager, and people have been describing her this way for years. On Sarah’s fourth birthday, her father gave her a violin. By age 5, she was accepted at the famous Juilliard School of Music, in New York City. By 8, she was performing as a violin soloist with major orchestras. Since then, Sarah has performed around the world. She has also recorded many albums.



Before **MICHAEL KEARNEY** was born, the doctors warned his parents that he might have learning difficulties. He’s been proving them wrong ever since! By the time he was 4 months old, Michael could say full sentences like, ‘‘What’s for dinner, Mom?’’ By 10 months, he could read words. Studying at home with his parents, Michael completed four grade levels each year. At 5, he entered high school – and finished in one year. By 10, he graduated from college with honors. At 11, he went to graduate school.



When **ALEXANDRA NECHUTA** was 2, her parents gave her some crayons and coloring books. Alexandra was soon working in inks, watercolors, and by the time she was 7, oil paints. At 8, Alexandra had her first art exhibition. Her paintings are often compared to those of Picasso and other great artists. They have sold for as much as \$80,000. She has been on TV, and a book of her paintings was published.

A Read the article. How did these three young people first show they were prodigies? What has each one accomplished? Complete the chart.

	When/How did he or she begin?	Accomplishment
Sarah
Michael
Alexandra

B Pair work Talk about these questions.

- Which of the three prodigies do you think is the most amazing? Why?
- If you were a prodigy, what would you like to be really good at? Why?

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LIFE IS LIKE A GAME!

A Group work Play the board game. Follow these instructions.

1. Use small pieces of paper with your initials on them as markers.
2. Take turns by tossing a coin:
 - If the coin lands face up, move two spaces.
 - If one coin lands face down, move one space.
3. Complete the sentence in the space you land on. Others ask two follow-up questions to get more information.

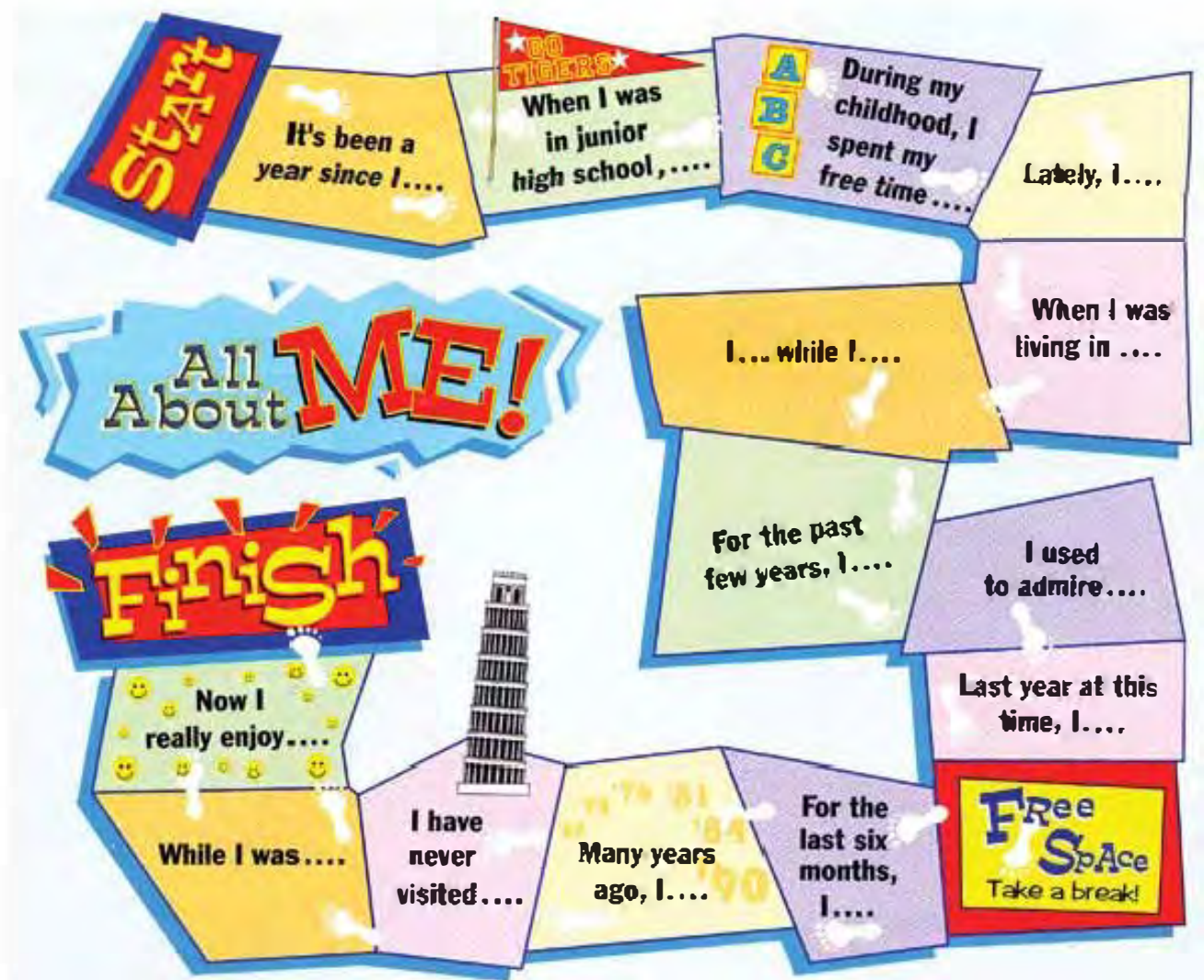
A: It's been a year since I started working.

B: Oh, really? Do you like your job?

A: Well, the job's just okay, but the money is great!

C: What do you do?

A: ...



B Class activity Tell the class an interesting fact that you learned about someone in your group.

"Last year at this time, Daniel was hiking in the Swiss Alps!"