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It's a long story.

- ▶ Tell stories
- ▶ Discuss recent activities

1 SNAPSHOT

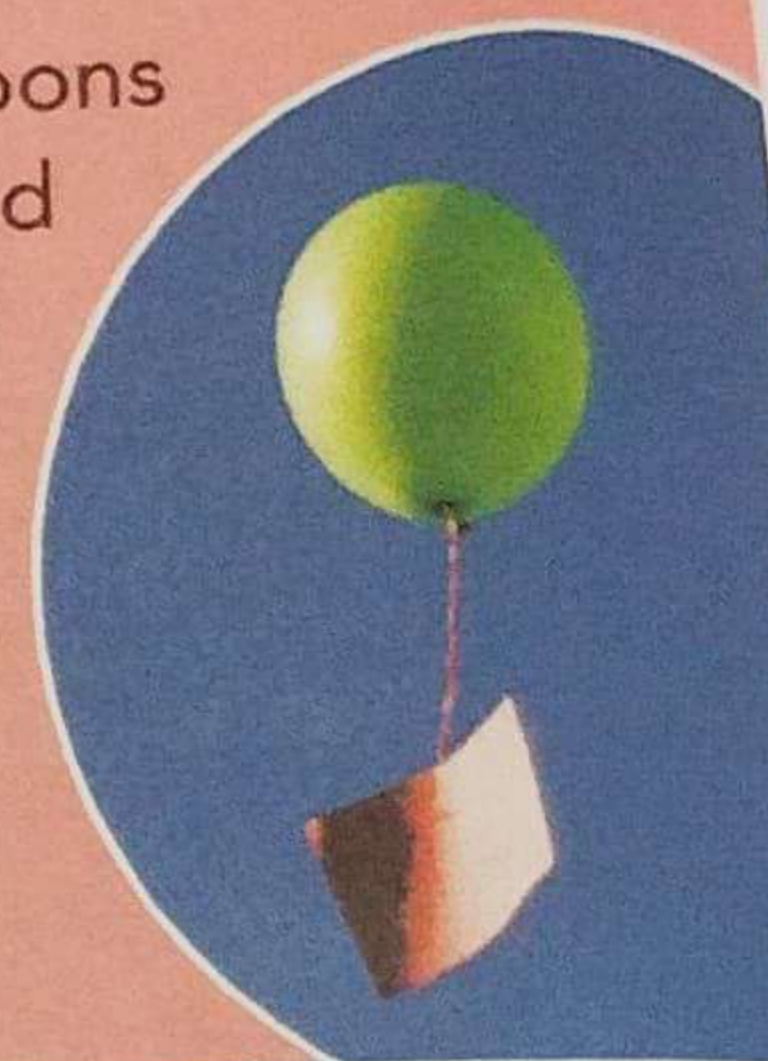
True Stories of Incredible Coincidences



One day, the American novelist Anne Parrish was in a bookstore in Paris and she saw an old, used copy of one of her favorite childhood books. When she opened it, she saw on the first page:

"Anne Parrish, 209 N. Weber Street, Colorado Springs." It was Anne's own book.

A 10-year-old girl named Laura Buxton released a bunch of balloons into the air. She attached a note to the balloons that asked the person who found it to write back to her. A couple of weeks later, she received a reply. It was from another 10-year-old girl also named Laura Buxton who lived 150 miles away.

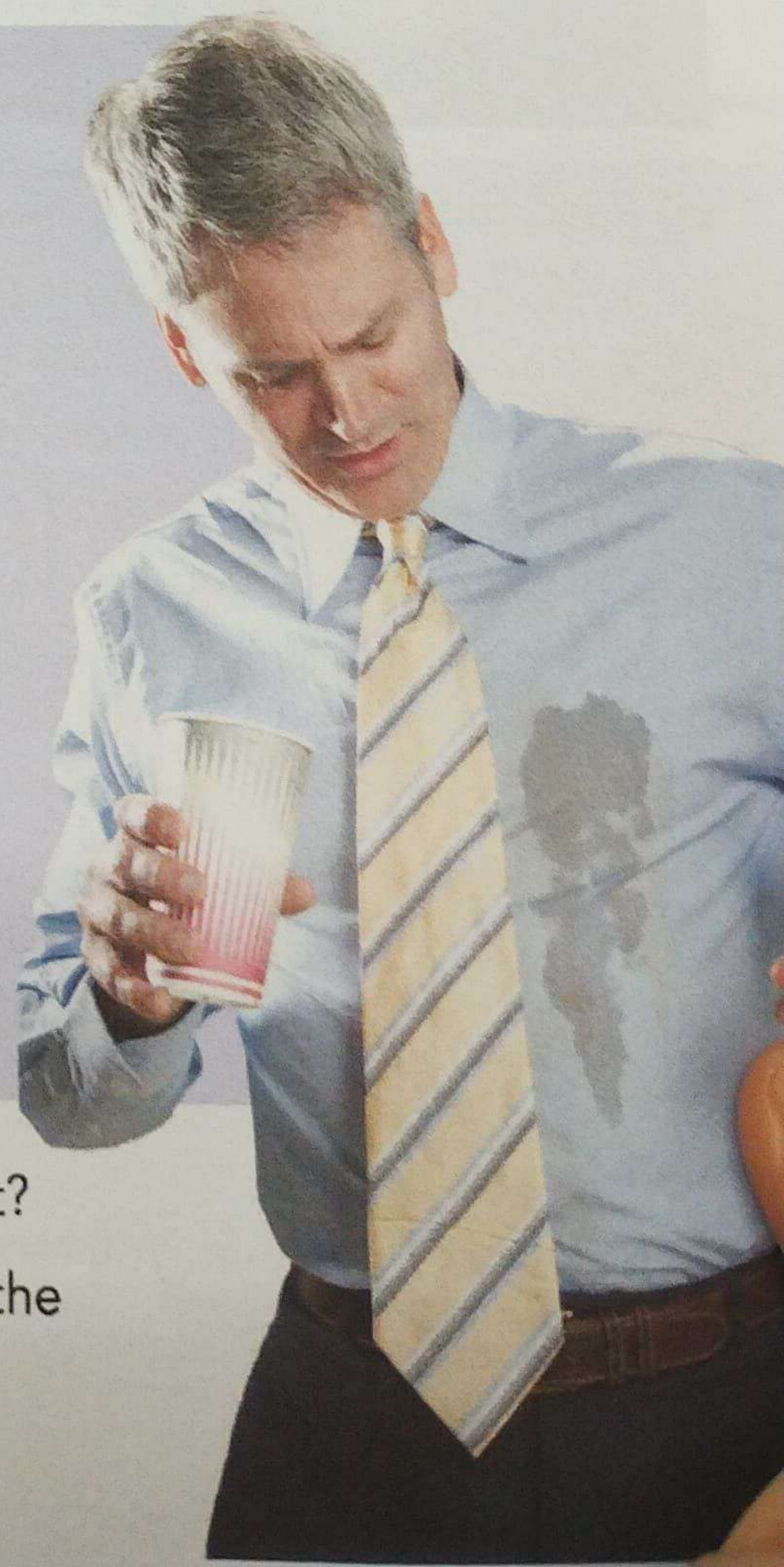


Which of these stories do you think is more amazing? more difficult to believe?
Have you ever had an experience that is hard to believe?
Do you know of anyone who has? What happened?

2 PERSPECTIVES What next?

▶ A Listen to what happened to these people. Check (✓) the things that have happened to you.

- "I was having lunch when I spilled a cup of coffee on my clothes."
- "I was driving to the airport to pick up a friend, but I got a flat tire."
- "I was studying for an important test when the lights went out."
- "While I was walking down the street, I found a wallet with lots of money."
- "I was traveling in another country when I met an old school friend."
- "I was getting off a bus when I slipped and fell on the sidewalk."
- "While I was shopping one day, a celebrity walked into the store."



Choose one statement that you checked. What happened next?
"I tried to clean it, but I couldn't. So I had to wear a jacket for the rest of the day."

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ Past continuous vs. simple past

Use the past continuous for an action in progress in the past.

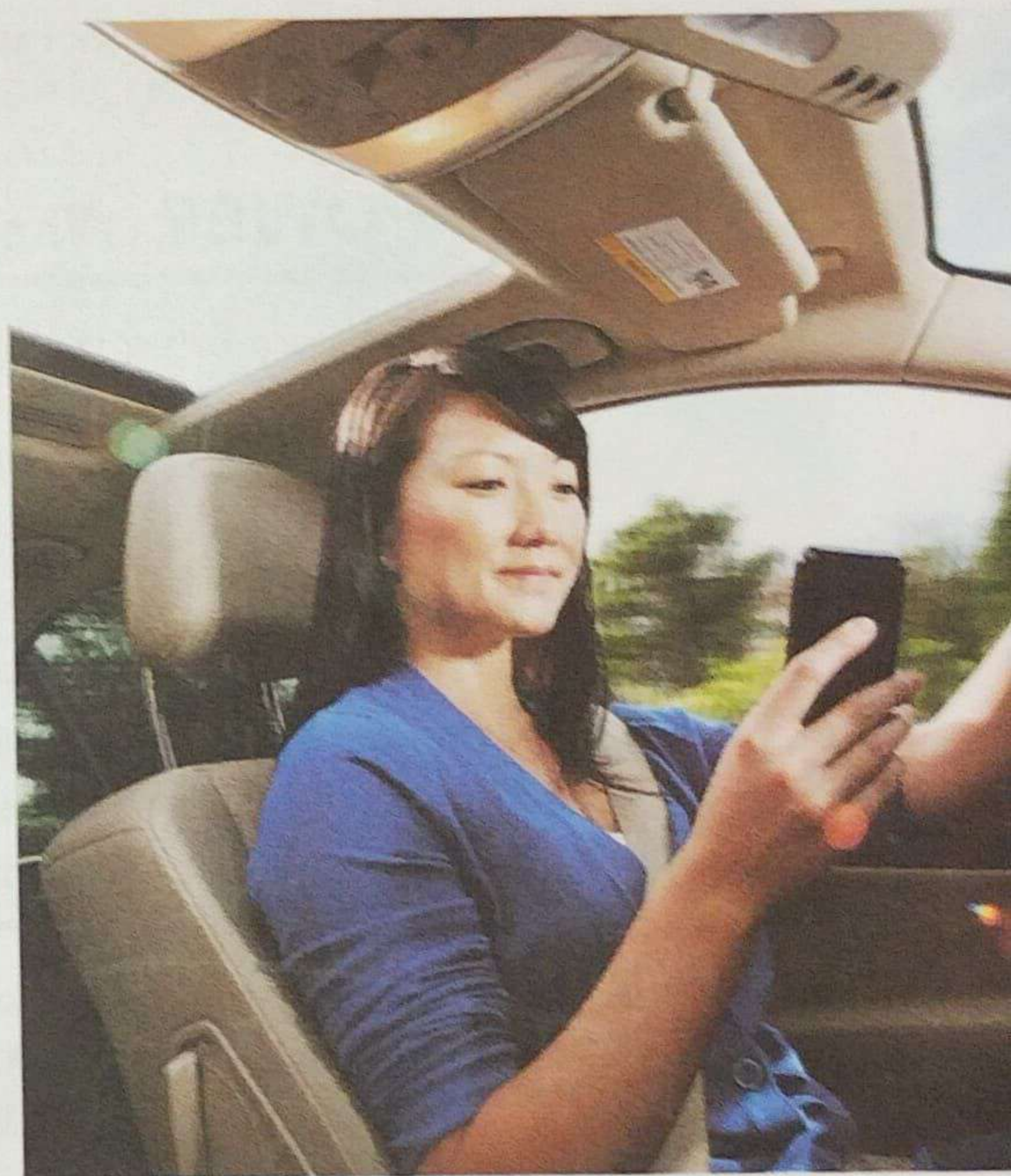
Use the simple past for an action that interrupts it.

I **was having** lunch when I **spilled** coffee on my clothes.
 I **was driving** to the airport, but I **got** a flat tire.
 While I **was shopping** one day, a celebrity **walked** into the store.

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A Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

- My sister was taking (text) while she was driving (drive), and she almost crashed (crash) her car.
- While I was cooking (cook) dinner last night, a friend called (call) and I burned (burn) the food.
- My father was skiing (ski) when he broke (break) his leg in several places.
- We were having (have) our first child while we lived (live) in a tiny apartment.
- While I was driving (drive) in England a few years ago, I realized (realize) I was on the wrong side of the road!
- Once I was reading (read) a good book, but someone told (tell) me the ending.
- My parents were meeting (meet) each other while they worked (work) at the same restaurant in Vancouver.



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

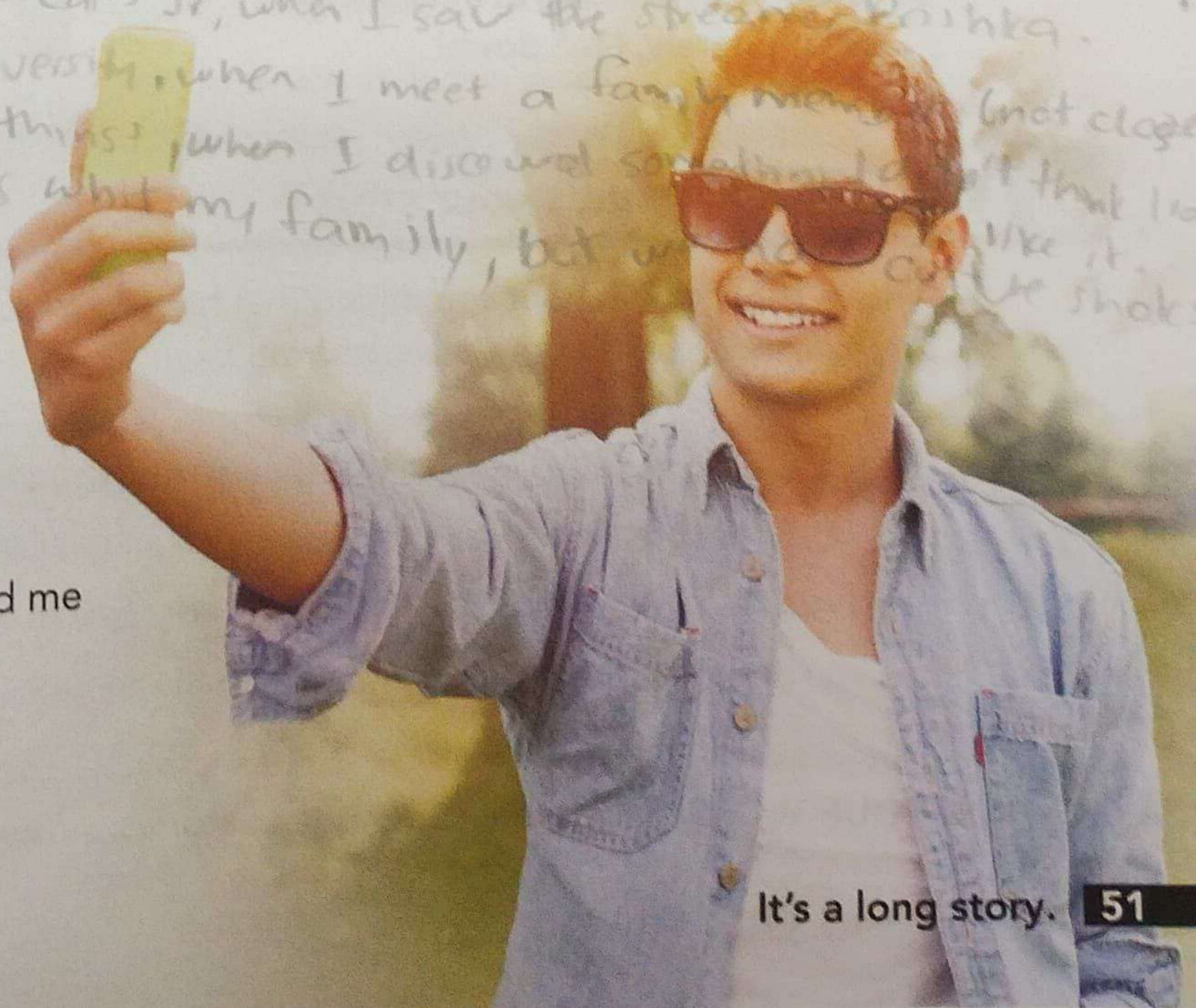
- I was taking a selfie when ... I saw a friend of high school.
- While I was going home one day, ... my uncle saw us and he scolded his car horn.
- I was ... posting some burger on calls Jr, when I saw the street in Brighton.
- While I was ... studying at my university, when I meet a family member (not close).
- Last month, ... I was trying new things, when I discovered something that I like it.
- Some time ago, ... I was traveling with my family, but we had a car accident. We shocked.

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

A: I was taking a selfie when a man came and stole my phone.

B: Oh, no! What did you do?

A: I went to the police ... and they told me to be more careful.



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That's entertainment!

- ▶ Discuss popular entertainment
- ▶ Discuss movies and famous Hollywood names

1 SNAPSHOT

MOVIE TRIVIA

**Black Mass (2015)**

Sienna Miller spent months rehearsing and filming, but in the end, the director decided to cut out all her scenes for "narrative reasons."

Django Unchained (2012)

In the movie, Leonardo DiCaprio was supposed to slam a table, but accidentally slammed a glass and cut his hand. The scene was so good that the director decided to incorporate it.

Furious 7 (2015)

Actor Paul Walker died while still shooting the movie. The director used computer technology and stunts to finish the remaining scenes.

Avatar (2009) The special effects were so expensive that director James Cameron had to wait 10 years to make the movie.

The Princess and the Frog (2009) After watching the movie, about fifty children got sick with salmonella from kissing frogs.

Paranormal Activity (2007)

This movie only cost \$15,000 to make, but it made \$9.1 million in its first week.



Which of the movie trivia do you find most interesting?

Do you know any other movie trivia?

Which of these movies have you seen? Did you enjoy it? Which would you like to watch?

2 CONVERSATION I think they're boring.

▶ A Listen and practice.

Danny: It's so hot out. Do you want to stay in and watch a movie this afternoon?

Gina: Hmm. Maybe. What do you want to see?

Danny: How about an X-Men movie? I've heard that the early ones are really interesting.

Gina: For you, maybe. I'm not interested in action movies. Actually, I think they're boring.

Danny: What about that new movie based on one of Stephen King's novels?

Gina: I don't know. I'm always fascinated by his books, but I'm not in the mood for a horror movie.

Danny: Well, what do you want to see?

Gina: How about a *Game of Thrones* marathon? It's my favorite series ever.

Danny: OK, but only if you make us some popcorn.

▶ B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What happens next? What do they decide to do?



3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ Participles as adjectives

Present participles

That X-Men movie sounds **interesting**.
 Stephen King's books are **fascinating**.
 I think action movies are **boring**.

Past participles

I'm not **interested** in action movies.
 I'm **fascinated** by Stephen King's books.
 I'm **bored** by action movies.

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A Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

1. John Cho is such an amazing actor. I'm always amazed by his incredible talent. (amaze)
2. Most TV shows are really boring. I often get so bore watching them that I fall asleep. (bore)
3. I was intelligent in watching *The Martian* after I read the book. And I was surprised that the movie is really interesting. (interest)
4. I'm excited to watch *The Avengers*. Everybody has told me it's really exciting. (excite)
5. I find animated films very amused. I've been fascinating by them since I was a little kid. (amuse / fascinate)
6. It's surprising that horror movies are so popular. I can't understand why people go to the movies to feel terrified. (surprise / terrify)



John Cho

B PAIR WORK Complete the description below with the correct forms of the words.

amaze annoy confuse disgust embarrass shock

I had a terrible time at the movies last weekend. First, my ticket cost \$25. I was really confused by the price. By mistake, I gave the cashier two \$5 bills instead of a twenty and a five. I was a little embarrassed. Then there was trash all over the theater. The mess was shocking. The people behind me were talking during the movie, which was disgusting. The story was hard to follow. I always find thrillers so amazing. I liked the special effects, though. They were amusing!

4 WORD POWER How do you like it?

A PAIR WORK Complete the chart with synonyms from the list.

amusing dumb horrible odd silly
 bizarre fantastic hysterical outstanding terrible
 disgusting hilarious incredible ridiculous weird

Awful	Wonderful	Stupid	Strange	Funny
Bizarre	Fantastic	Dumb	Hysterical	Amusing
Disgusting	Incredible	Ridiculous	Odd	Hilarious
Horrible	Outstanding	Silly	Weird	
Terrible				

B GROUP WORK Share your opinions about a movie, an actor, an actress, a TV show, and a book. Use words from part A.