

► **Goal:** show interest in a conversation



A



B



C

- 1 Look at the pictures. What do you think is happening in each one?
- 2 a 2.10 Listen and match conversations 1–3 with pictures A–C. Were your ideas in Exercise 1 correct?
- b Listen to the conversations again. How does the person listening help the person telling the story?
- c Listen again. Tick the phrases in the Useful phrases box that you hear.

Useful phrases

Encouraging someone to continue

Uh huh.
Right.
What happened?
What did you do?
And what happened next?
What happened in the end?

Reacting and showing interest

Wow!
That's so cool!
That's awful!
That's amazing!
Great!
Really?
Oh no!

- 3 a 2.11 Listen to the phrases below. Which of the people sound interested?
- 1 And what happened next?
- 2 That's amazing!
- 3 Oh no.
- 4 So what did you do?
- b 2.12 Listen and repeat.

- 4 Work in pairs. Take turns to read this story to each other. Each time you see (...), react to what your partner says and help them to continue talking.

I had an interesting day yesterday ... I was at work, and my boss told me he wanted to speak to me ... He told me that he was leaving the company ... And that I would be the new boss of the department! ... I didn't know what to say. I was so surprised!

A: I had an interesting day yesterday ...

B: Really? What happened?

- 5 a You're going to tell your partner about an experience you've had. First, choose a topic below or think of your own idea.
 - a bad day
 - somewhere new you visited
 - someone famous you saw or met
 - an amazing day you had
 - something surprising that happened
- b Make some notes. Think about the following:
 - when and where it happened
 - the most important things that happened
 - how you felt
- c Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about your experiences. Use the Useful phrases to help you.



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Functional language

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1 Complete the missing words in the conversations.

- 1 A: I had an interesting trip.
B: W..... happened?
- 2 A: In Africa I gave local children free classes.
B: T..... great!
- 3 A: I got lost in the forest – I was terrified.
B: O..... n.....!
- 4 A: So, I was walking home the other day ...
B: U..... h.....

2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the conversations.

- 1 A So I answered the phone and you'll never guess who it was!
B Go on.
a Uh huh. b Oh no! c Wow!
- 2 A I had a really interesting meeting with my new boss today.
B Really?
a That's awful! b What happened? c Right.
- 3 A Laura told me that she's getting married. I'm so happy for her!
B That's fantastic news!
a Oh no! b And what happened next? c Great.
- 4 A I've lost my wallet. I had it at the shops and now I can't find it anywhere.
B You should cancel your cards!
a That's so cool! b Wow! c That's awful!
- 5 A And when I opened the door, I saw a strange man in my kitchen!
B That's so frightening.
a So, what did you do? b That's amazing!
c Great!
- 6 A Our holiday was a disaster. My bag was stolen on the first day and it had my passport in it.
B That's terrible.
a Uh huh. b What happened in the end?
c Right!
- 7 A My wife just won £200,000!
B Congratulations!
a Wow! b And what happened next? c Oh no!
- 8 A Did I tell you I'm leaving the company?
B? No, you didn't tell me!
a Really b Wow c Right
- 9 A I missed my last train home yesterday, and it was raining really heavily.
B Oh no,
a Uh huh. b What did you do? c Right!

