

TELLING AN ANECDOTE

Student A

1 Answer the questions. Then compare with your partner. Tell another student about your partner's answers.

1 What is one thing that your parents told you to do (or not to do) when you were younger?

2 What would you refuse to do for a best friend?

3 Think of something that you once promised to do, but later changed your mind about.

2 Choose one of the situations below and imagine it happened to you. Tell your partner about it. Add extra details to your anecdote. Use the Useful language below.



- a You locked your school locker, but left the key inside.
- b You went to the airport to catch a plane, but you forgot your passport.
- c You wrote your friend a funny email, but you sent it to your teacher by mistake.

Useful language

Telling an anecdote

You'll never guess what happened to me.

Basically, what happened was ...

It was so (+ adjective) The next thing I knew ...

So anyway ... To make matters worse ...

3 Listen to your partner's anecdote. Respond appropriately with interest or surprise. Use the Useful language.

Useful language

Responding to an anecdote

No, what? Tell me!

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What a fantastic ... !

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3 Choose one of the situations below and imagine it happened to you. Tell your partner about it. Add extra details to your anecdote. Use the Useful language below.



- a You met a new student who has the same birthday as you and the same first name!
- b You accidentally dropped your phone in the swimming pool.
- c You made a birthday cake for your sister, but you forgot to put sugar in it.

Useful language

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