

Telling a story

Focus: story words: suddenly, luckily, at first, in the end, carefully, quickly, notice, shout, drop, realise

**suddenly luckily unfortunately immediately at first in the end carefully
quickly slowly quietly loudly badly happily nervously notice shout
scream laugh cry drop hit happen escape realise ground**

1 Complete the story with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

Example: What _____ (happen) at the restaurant yesterday? → happened

- I was having lunch when I _____ (notice) a man next to my jacket.
- I _____ (shout), 'That's my jacket!' and a woman _____ (scream).
- The thief ran to the door, _____ (hit) a chair and _____ (drop) the jacket.
- He _____ (escape) down a small street. The waiter _____ (not / catch) him.
- When I told the police officer the story, he _____ (laugh).
- In the end, I _____ (realise) that my wallet and keys were at home!

2 Choose the correct adverb.

Example: The thief ran _____ down the street. (quickly / luckily / badly) → quickly

- _____, the injury wasn't bad. (Luckily / Loudly / Slowly)
- I was reading in bed. _____, I heard a loud noise downstairs. (Carefully / Suddenly / Badly)
- _____, the pharmacy was closed, so I didn't get the medicine. (Luckily / Carefully / Unfortunately)
- _____, the job was hard, but now I love it. (In the end / At first / Suddenly)
- We waited two hours. _____, a taxi came. (In the end / At first / Carefully)
- She closed the door _____ because the baby was sleeping. (loudly / happily / quietly)
- I called the police _____ after the accident. (in the end / immediately / slowly)

3 Match the opposites.

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| 1. quickly | a. loudly |
| 2. quietly | b. unfortunately |
| 3. luckily | c. cry |
| 4. laugh | d. slowly |

ANSWER KEY

1 1 noticed, 2 shouted / screamed, 3 hit / dropped, 4 escaped / didn't catch, 5 laughed, 6 realised 2 1 Luckily, 2 Suddenly, 3 Unfortunately, 4 At first, 5 In the end, 6 quietly, 7 immediately 3 1 d, 2 a, 3 b, 4 c