ENGLISH A2 · UNIT 3 · WHAT HAPPENED? · WRITING Name: _____ Date: _____

# Writing: A short story

Focus: writing a short story: background with the past continuous, events with suddenly, luckily, in the end

**WRITING TIP: TELLING A STORY**

**Background** (past continuous), then **the events** (Suddenly, ... Luckily, ...), then **the end**.

## 1 Complete the story. Use each once: While, luckily, At first, when, Suddenly, In the end.

*Example: _____ Ben and I were drinking coffee in the park, he dropped his phone. → While*

1. It fell on the ground, but _____ it didn't break.
2. _____ he was upset, but then he laughed.
3. Later we were crossing the road _____ a taxi stopped in front of us.
4. We were standing there quietly. _____, the driver opened the window and shouted at us.
5. _____, the driver said sorry and we walked home.

## 2 Write a short story about an accident or a lost item (60-80 words).

**MODEL**

It was raining and I was driving home from work. I was tired and I wasn't driving very fast. Suddenly, a bike came out of a small street. I stopped immediately, but the bike hit my car. The young man fell on the ground. Luckily, he wasn't injured. We spoke quietly and then I drove him and his bike home. In the end, everything was OK.

- Background: where you were, the weather and what you were doing (It was ... I was ...)
- What happened? The events in order: Suddenly, ... Then ... Luckily, ...
- How did it end? In the end, ...

*Self-check: capital letters and full stops · subject + verb word order · this unit's grammar · this unit's words · the right length*

**ANSWER KEY**

**1** 1 luckily, 2 At first, 3 when, 4 Suddenly, 5 In the end

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