

A STORY

1 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.



- 1 When did you last go shopping?
- 2 Where did you go?
- 3 What did you buy?
- 4 Were you happy with the things you bought?

2 Read a story by Emma about her shopping trip. What did she buy? Was she happy with it?



Last weekend, I went shopping. I wanted to buy some shoes. My friend Tamsin came with me. When we arrived at the shopping centre, we started walking towards a shoe shop, but I saw a nice scarf in another shop. I bought it. After that, I saw a really nice bag, so I bought it, then a hat and a jumper. Two hours later, I got to the shoe shop, but of course I didn't have much money. Luckily, there were some nice shoes and they were very cheap, so I bought them. I was really happy!

3 Look at the *Key Language for a story*. Find words in Emma's story to complete it.

KEY LANGUAGE FOR A STORY

Starting a story:
One day, last week / month /¹ _____, on Saturday, in June, two weeks ago

Saying when things happened in a story:
Then, when,² _____ that, after an hour / two hours, two hours / three days later, suddenly, finally, in the end

Adding comments in a story:
Of course,³ _____, Unfortunately

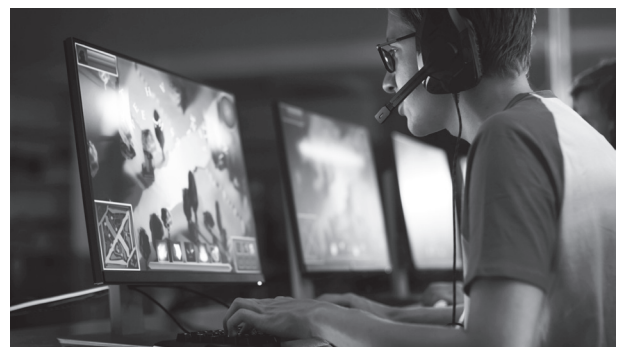
Ending a story:
I was really tired / really⁴ _____! What an amazing day! It was so funny!

4 We often begin a story by saying *when* it happened. Complete the sentences with the correct words.

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- 1 About three weeks _____, my friend Alex asked me to go shopping with him.
- 2 _____ Saturday, I got on the bus to go into the city centre.
- 3 _____ day, Liam woke up and decided to go shopping.
- 4 _____ August, I got some money for my birthday, so I went shopping.

5 We use the past simple to tell a story. Complete the story with the correct past simple form of the verbs.



Two weeks ago, I¹ _____ (decide) to go shopping. I² _____ (want) to buy a new computer game, but I³ _____ (not have) much money. I⁴ _____ (look) in the games shop, but of course the games⁵ _____ (be) too expensive. So I⁶ _____ (go) to a charity shop. Luckily, they⁷ _____ (have) some really good games, and they⁸ _____ (not be) expensive. What a lucky day!

