

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. I don't trust that guy. I think he's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Knock! Knock!
- A: Hey! Come on in! \_\_\_\_\_
3. Stop bothering me and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A: Oh me! Final exams are coming soon!
- B: Well, \_\_\_\_\_ I'd start studying now.
5. A: Guess what?
- B: What?
- A: My girlfriend just dumped me.
- B: Oh, sorry about that.
- A: Thanks. Just \_\_\_\_\_. Don't tell anybody else yet.
6. I just bought a \_\_\_\_\_ computer.
7. I'm really stressed out, so I need to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A: How's your new job?
- B: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_. I think the work's interesting and my coworkers are all nice.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ my teacher. She always helps and encourages me.
10. My friend's really popular. He's always the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. A: Severn cancelled classes next week!
- B: Wow! Great! That's \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A: My neighbor was arrested for selling drugs.
- B: Selling drugs?
- A: Yes.
- B: Well, that \_\_\_\_\_. Nobody should sell drugs.
13. You should always \_\_\_\_\_ when you're studying.
14. A: Do you want to go to a Trot concert with me?
- B: Trot concert? Well, that's \_\_\_\_\_ really \_\_\_\_\_. (1 idiom)
15. My friend helped me with my homework., so I treated him to dinner. It was \_\_\_\_\_.
16. I think men are \_\_\_\_\_ if they meet married women.
17. It's important not to \_\_\_\_\_ in front of your friends.

- a. mind your own business
- b. life of the party
- c. get away from it all
- d. give it your all
- e. up to no good
- f. think the world of
- g. state of the art

h.serves him right  
i.playing with fire  
j.not my cup of tea  
k.make yourself at home  
l.lose face  
m.keep it under your hat  
n.quid pro quo  
o.so far so good  
p.music to my ears  
q.if I were you

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Sophomore's Idioms  
(idioms4you.com)

- 1.warts and all
- 2.whet your appetite
- 3.up to(#2)
- 4.red herring
- 5.put into words
- 6.die laughing
- 7.jack up the price
- 8.back off
- 9.be there for
- 10.bog down
- 11.break the news
- 12.bush league
- 13.keep up with the Joneses
- 14.gloss over
- 15.come again
- 16.balance the books
- 17.beyond your pay grade(#1)
- 18.keep in mind



## 1

## Home and away!

The tense system • Informal language • Compound words • Casual conversations

## STARTER

- 1 Which time expressions from the box can be used with the sentences below? Make sure the sentences sound natural.

when I was born   never   for years  
tonight   frequently   in the 1980s  
years ago   the other day  
in two weeks   recently  
during a snowstorm   for a year  
since 1972   later   sometimes

- 1 My parents met in Paris.
- 2 They travel abroad.
- 3 They were working in Canada.
- 4 I was born in Montreal.
- 5 My grandparents have lived in Ireland.
- 6 I wrote to my grandmother.
- 7 My brother's flying to Brazil on business.
- 8 He's been learning Portuguese.
- 9 I'll see you.

- 2 Talk to a partner about yourself and your family using some of the time expressions.  
*My parents met at a party thirty years ago.*  
Tell the class some things about each other.

## AWAY FROM HOME

Tense review and informal language

- 1 **CDI** 2 Listen and read "Tyler's Tweets."  
Is the style formal or informal?  
Where is Tyler from? What does he find strange in London?

I'm spending a year in London!



## TYLER'S TWEETS

Tuesday, September 4, 1:42 p.m.

Still sitting in the airport in NYC. Been waiting three hours but seems like FOREVER!

Tuesday, September 4, 3:20 p.m.

Just boarded the plane for London. Haven't been abroad before except for a week in Mexico last year. I'm going to stay with my buddy Dave for a few days in north London before I meet my host family. Dave lives in a place called "Chalk Farm." I don't get it – a farm in London?

CHALK FARM  
ROAD NW1

Thursday, September 6, 4:35 p.m.

It's fun here, but kind of weird. Dave doesn't live on a farm. His folks have a large apartment in a big old house. They call it a "flat." I asked for the "bathroom" – they thought I wanted a bath. I'm learning fast.

Friday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

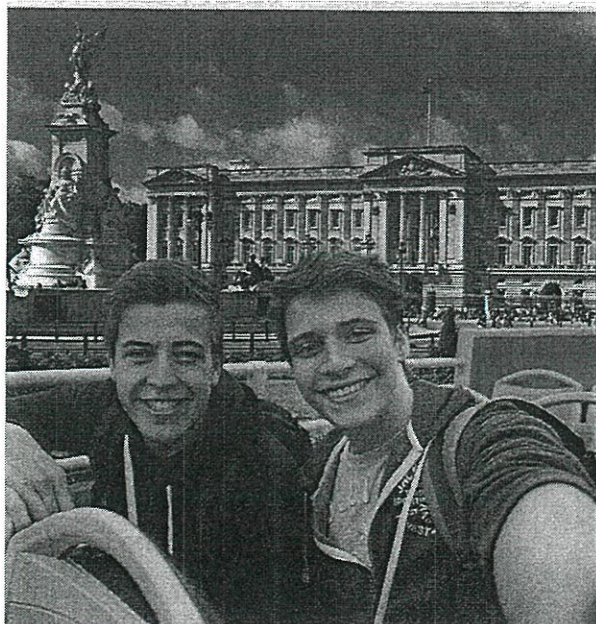
Dave and I are hanging out together today. We're on a bus! Upstairs! Just drove past Buckingham Palace. But they drive on the WRONG side of the road here. Crazy! Also, people say "cheers" all the time. Isn't that for making toasts? A guy just said it to me because I'd let him pass and go through a door ahead of me.

Saturday, September 8, 7:19 p.m.

First night with my host family, the Wilsons. They seem very nice, but their house is a million-mile walk to the subway! (They call it the "Tube" here!)

Saturday, September 8, 11:10 p.m.

Big day tomorrow. We're visiting Shakespeare's hometown. He wrote plays and stuff hundreds of years ago. He's mega famous.





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Call Me

Unit 1(page 2)

Tyler's Tweets(Answer these questions)

1.What's the date of Tyler's first tweet?

Where's he flying from?

Where's he flying to?

Has he ever been abroad?

2.Who is he going to stay with first?

Where does his buddy live?

Does Dave live on a farm?

3.What were Tyler and Dave doing on Friday?

What are 2 differences Tyler noticed?

a.

b.

4.What's the name of Tyler's host family?

What do they call the subway in the UK?

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EXTRA!!!!

What are 10 differences between Korean and American culture?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

i.

j.



# Read Lost and Found

## READING AND SPEAKING

### Saroo's story

- 1 Look at the pictures and read the title and caption. What do you think happened to Saroo Brierley? How old do you think he is now? Discuss with a partner.
- 2 **CD1 9** Cover the text and listen to some of the things that Saroo says about his story. Answer the questions.
- 1 Where did Saroo fall asleep?
  - 2 How old was he?
  - 3 Why was he scared? Which city was he in?
  - 4 How do you think he ended up in Australia?
  - 5 What do you think is the significance of 14 hours and 1,200 km? Speed of Indian train
  - 6 "I zoomed down and bang - the waterfall where I used to play." How did he "zoom down"? What did he find?
  - 7 Why didn't he recognize his mother at first?
  - 8 What did his mother do? What couldn't she do?

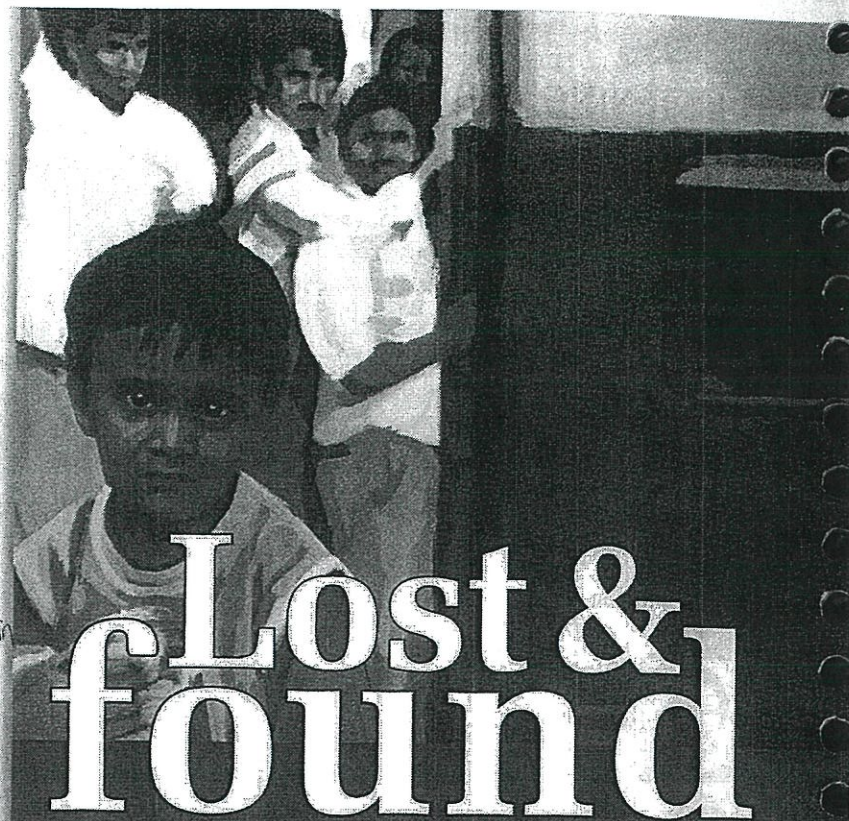
- 3 Read Saroo's full story. Are these statements true or false? Correct the false ones.
- 1 Saroo and his brother both had jobs cleaning the trains.
  - 2 Saroo fell asleep at the station in Calcutta.
  - 3 He lived on the streets and continued to work on the trains.
  - 4 He was given food and shelter by a man.
  - 5 He was adopted from an orphanage by an Australian family.
  - 6 He had a happy childhood in Tasmania.
  - 7 When he found his hometown, his mother was still living in the family home.
  - 8 He moved back to live with his birth family.

### What do you think?

- Would Saroo be happy living back in his hometown? Why?/Why not?
- Why would his story make a good movie?
- Who in your class has ever used Google Earth? What for?

### Vocabulary work

- 4 Find the highlighted words or phrases in the text. Guess the meanings from the context.



### Saroo Brierley

was only five years old when he got lost. He was working with his older brother as a sweeper on India's trains. Together they traveled hundreds of miles up and down the vast network.

*"It was late at night. We got off the train, and I was so tired that I just sat down at the train station, and I ended up falling asleep."*

That fateful nap would determine the rest of his life. He thought his brother would come back for him, but when he woke up the brother was nowhere to be seen. There was a train in front of him. Perhaps his brother was on board. He got on it to look for him. However, Saroo did not meet his brother on the train. Instead, he fell asleep again and when he woke up 14 hours later, he had a terrible shock. There were hordes of people pushing, rushing, speaking in an unfamiliar tongue. He had arrived in Calcutta (Kolkata), India's third biggest city and notorious for its slums. He was nearly 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) from his home. Soon he was sleeping in the streets.

*"It was a very scary place to be. I don't think any mother or father would like to have their five-year-old wandering around alone in the slums and train stations of Calcutta. I was scared. I didn't know where I was."*

The little boy learned to fend for himself. He became a beggar, one of the many children begging on the streets of the city. Once, he was approached by a man who promised him food and shelter. But Saroo had learned to be suspicious of such people and ran away. In the end, he was taken in by an orphanage and put up for adoption. He was adopted by the Brierleys, a couple from Tasmania, Australia.

*"I accepted that I was lost and that I couldn't find my way back home, so I thought it was great that I was going to Australia."*





## Lost Indian boy finds his mother 25 years later!

Saroo settled down well in his new home. But as he got older the desire to find his birth family became increasingly strong. The problem was that as an illiterate five-year-old he had not known the name of his hometown. All he had to go on were his vivid memories. So he began using Google Earth to search for where he might have been born.

It was difficult, but eventually Saroo found an effective strategy.

*"I multiplied the time I was on the train, about 14 hours, with the speed of Indian trains and I came up with a rough distance, about 1,200 km."*

He drew a circle on a map with its center in Calcutta, with its radius about the distance he thought he had traveled. Incredibly, he soon discovered what he was looking for: the town of Khandwa.

*"When I found it, I zoomed down and bang – the waterfall where I used to play."*

He journeyed to Khandwa. He found his way around the town with his childhood memories. Eventually he found his home. But it was not what he had hoped for. It looked old and shabby, as if nobody had lived there for a long time. A neighbor said that his family had moved. Then he struck gold. Another neighbor said he knew where his mother lived now. The man guided Saroo to where three women stood waiting. He stared at them blankly. Only the woman in the middle seemed remotely familiar. The man gestured towards her. "This is your mother," he said.

She had been young, in her thirties, the last time he saw her. She looked so much older now. But behind the weathered face, there was something unmistakable, unforgettable, his mother, Fatima.

*"The last time I saw her she was 34 years old and a pretty lady. I had forgotten that age would get the better of her. But then I recognized her and I said, 'Yes, you are my mother.' She grabbed my hand and took me into her house. She couldn't say anything to me. She had a bit of trouble grasping that her son, after 25 years, had returned. She had long feared I was dead."*

Fatima had searched the train stations for her missing son, but she had never ventured as far as Calcutta. She couldn't imagine he had gone so far. However, she had never lost hope – a fortune-teller had told her that one day she would see her son again.

And what of the brother with whom Saroo had originally gone traveling? Unfortunately, the news was not good.

*"You see, a month after I'd disappeared, my brother was found in two pieces on a railway track. We were extremely close and when I left my mother, I was heartbroken knowing that my older brother had passed away."*

His mother had never known whether foul play was involved or whether the boy had simply slipped and fallen under a train.

Saroo Brierley's lifelong wish had been to see his birthmother again. He feels incredibly grateful that this wish was granted. He has kept in touch with his newly found family. And now a Hollywood studio has even made a movie of his amazing story.



**Saroo's mother,  
Fatima**



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Unit 1(page 6/#2)

Answer these questions about LOST AND FOUND

1.Where did Saroo fall asleep?

2.How old was he?

3.Why was he scared?

Which city was he in?

4.Who adopted him?

Where were they from?

5.What was his mother's name?

When was the last time he saw her?

What was the name of his hometown?

What happened to his brother?

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EXTRA!!!!!!

Answer these questions

1.Would you ever adopt a child?

Why or why not?

2.Do you know anybody who's been adopted?

3.What do you think of beggars?

Do you ever give money to beggars? If no, why not? If yes, how much?

4.Have you ever gone to a fortune-teller?

If no, why not?

If yes, what did they say?

5.What was the saddest/happiest time of your life?



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## Unit 1(pages 6 and 7)

### Matching(vocabulary)

- 1.vast----
  - 2.hordes----
  - 3.unfamiliar-----
  - 4.slums-----
  - 5.fend for himself-----
  - 6.beggar-----
  - 7.suspicious----
  - 8.orphanage----
  - 9.adoption----
  - 10.increasingly----
  - 11.illiterate----
  - 12.vivid----
  - 13.effective----
  - 14.strategy----
  - 15.shabby----
  - 16.blankly----
  - 17.gestured----
  - 18.weathered----
  - 19.recognized----
  - 20.grasping----
  - 21.feared----
  - 22.fortuneteller----
  - 23.extremely----
  - 24.heart-broken----
  - 25.grateful----
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- a.more and more
  - b.was afraid of
  - c.poor and dirty part of a city
  - d.thankful for
  - e.used hand signals(body language)
  - f.plan
  - g.with no expression
  - h.very clear
  - i.useful
  - j.understanding
  - k.knew/able to identify
  - l.be independent



m.person who predicts your future  
n.full of wrinkles  
o.large groups of people  
p.cannot read and write  
q.very  
r.a homeless person who asks for food or money  
s.accepting children as your own  
t.don't know  
u.in bad condition  
v.large  
w.very sad  
x.don't trust  
y.home for children with no parents