



**Level: B1**

**Focus: Grammar - narrative**

**Theme: Strange situations**

**Activity: Story-telling based on a photograph**

## WHAT HAPPENED?!

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This is a story-telling activity based on pictures from the internet. You will need to either print the pictures or project them in class. You may use the example pictures provided here or else find your own. Suggestion: go into Google. Choose the 'Images' option along the top bar. Try the following search terms or similar: funny accidents; funny situations; strange situations; odd situations; funny predicaments etc. Scroll down the page of pictures and save any which suggest an interesting background story.

### PROCEDURE

1. Put students in pairs or small groups. Give out or project one picture.
2. Tell the students in the group to discuss the situation in the picture and think of various possible explanations. (You could add some extra challenge by asking them to try to find an explanation that they suspect no one else will think of)
3. Ask the groups to choose one of their explanations and develop a story around it. Get them to write notes
  - Where is this in the world?
  - Who are the characters in the story? (Names? Jobs?)
  - What happened leading up to the situation in the picture?
4. Ask students to change groups and sit with others. Ask them to take turns telling their story to the new group. How much do their stories have in common?
5. If there are enough students in the class, they could change groups again and repeat step 4.

### Variants

1. Give the groups each a different picture instead of the same one.
2. Change step 4 to a narrative writing activity.



