



Worksheet

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Lesson 6A – Speaking: Telling an Anecdote

Key Vocabulary

The table includes **important expressions** from the Speaking Box + their meanings and **examples from the text**.

A. Starting an Anecdote

Expression	Arabic Meaning	Example from the lesson
Guess what?	خمن ماذا حدث؟	<i>Guess what?</i>
You'll never believe this, but...	لن تصدق هذا، ولكن...	<i>You'll never believe this, but I forgot to take my umbrella.</i>
It was about three in the morning when...	كانت حوالي الساعة الثالثة صباحاً عندما...	<i>It was about three in the morning when I heard a noise.</i>
One day / One time...	في يوم ما / مرة...	<i>One time, I was walking home...</i>
I'll never forget the moment when...	لن أنسى اللحظة عندما...	<i>I'll never forget the moment when I realized the truth.</i>
Well, I was a little taken aback...	تفاجأت قليلاً...	<i>Well, I was a little taken aback when I saw him.</i>

B. Giving Background Information

Expression	Arabic Meaning	Example
A friend of mine told me this story...	أحد أصدقائي أخبرني هذه القصة...	<i>A friend of mine told me this story.</i>
I was out walking...	كنت خارجاً أتمشى...	<i>I was out walking when it started to rain.</i>
I'm not sure if you know, but...	لست متأكداً إن كنت تعلم، ولكن...	<i>I'm not sure if you know, but this myth is very famous.</i>
There was this guy who...	كان هناك شخص...	<i>There was this guy who thought he saw a ghost.</i>

C. Introducing a Turning Point

Expression	Arabic Meaning	Example from the lesson
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Expression	Arabic Meaning	Example from the lesson
Suddenly...	فجأة...	<i>Suddenly, I heard someone shout!</i>
Before I had time to...	قبل أن أجد وقتًا لـ...	<i>Before I had time to react, he disappeared.</i>
No sooner ... than...	ما إن... حتى...	<i>No sooner had they huddled together than the wind blew a hole in the basement.</i>
Hardly had we ... when...	بالكاد... حتى...	<i>Hardly had we started when it began to rain.</i>
Before we knew what was happening...	قبل أن نعرف ما الذي يحدث...	<i>Before we knew what was happening, everything went dark.</i>

D. Explaining a Surprise or Result

Expression	Arabic Meaning	Example from the lesson
I couldn't believe what was happening.	لم أستطع تصديق ما كان يحدث.	<i>I couldn't believe what was happening when the lights went out.</i>
I was absolutely amazed / shocked.	كنت مذهولًا / مصدومًا تمامًا.	<i>I was absolutely amazed when I heard the story.</i>
Unexpectedly / unbelievably...	بشكل غير متوقع / بشكل لا يصدق...	<i>Unbelievably, she was rude to a doctor in front of everyone.</i>
Then, out of the blue...	فجأة وبدون مقدمات...	<i>Then, out of the blue, the door opened.</i>

E. Ending / Rounding Off

Expression	Arabic Meaning	Example
Anyway...	على أي حال...	<i>Anyway, that's what happened.</i>
In the end...	في النهاية...	<i>In the end, everything turned out fine.</i>
I'll never forget it.	لن أنساه أبدًا.	<i>I'll never forget it.</i>
I'll never ... again.	لن ... مرة أخرى.	<i>I'll never walk alone at night again.</i>

Sentence Adverbs from the Listening (Exercise 5)

These adverbs show the speaker's **attitude**.

Adverb	Meaning	Example from lesson
Obviously	من الواضح	<i>Obviously, I forgot to take an umbrella.</i>
Theoretically	نظريًا	<i>Theoretically, you don't need any help to do this.</i>

Adverb	Meaning	Example from lesson
Seriously	بجدية	<i>Seriously, I should have known it wouldn't rain.</i>
Surprisingly	بشكل مفاجئ	<i>Surprisingly, I had read that it was going to rain.</i>
Unbelievably	بشكل لا يُصدق	<i>Unbelievably, he doesn't like people; I've never seen him smile.</i>
Surely	بالتأكيد	<i>Surely, I'm nice, but a lot of people aren't very nice.</i>
Theoretically / Clearly	بوضوح / بشكل نظري	<i>Clearly, you were rude to a person you didn't know.</i>

Useful Phrases for Telling an Anecdote

1.Start your story

- *Guess what?*
- *You'll never believe this, but...*

2.Set the scene (background)

- *I was out walking...*
- *A friend of mine told me this story...*

3.Turning point

- *Suddenly...*
- *No sooner had we arrived than...*

4.What happened next (reaction)

- *I couldn't believe what was happening.*
- *Unexpectedly...*

5. End your story

- *Anyway, that's what happened.*
- *I'll never forget it.*

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