

12 HISTORY

WATCH

A Use these words to predict what you think happened. Then watch the video to check your ideas.

1 cycling – hole – arm – bone – wobbled – check in – mad!

2 sailor – snapped – sliced – pouring – burned – lighter

3 navy – war – bomb – metal – legs – pension

B Compare your ideas with a partner.

C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?

D Watch again and check your answers.

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

A Practise the conversation in pairs.

B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.

C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.

Ask your teacher to stop the video.

Repeat the word(s) / phrases.

D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

Julia I'm not sure my story is really incredible or anything, but it's all I could think of.

Alexander OK. Go on. *Who have you gone for?*

Julia My grandfather. He's 83 now, but he's really
¹ _____, and he's really tough physically. *He's had quite a hard life, but it's made him as hard as nails himself.*

Alexander In what ways?

Julia Well, I'll give you one example, OK, to show you what he's like. A few years ago, he was cycling through the town where he lives and he hit a hole in the road and fell off and broke his arm quite badly. He said – and I don't know if it's true or not or
² _____ – that he could see parts of the bone sticking out.

Alexander *Oh! Please!* ³ _____.

Julia Yeah, sorry. But the crazy thing was he picked himself up, got back on the bike, which had a twisted wheel and somehow wobbled his way all the way to the hospital. *And when he got there to check himself in, they just couldn't believe it.* They thought he must be mad, but
⁴ _____ 'It's nothing to worry about', and that worse things had happened to him before!

Julia God! Like what?

Alexander Well, when he was younger he used to be a sailor. He started out as a fisherman when he was really young, like maybe 15 or 16, with his father, on the boats off the north coast, in quite dangerous waters, and then later on he joined the merchant navy and when he ⁵ _____, he lost three fingers. A wire snapped and somehow came back and sliced them straight off. *I remember him telling me this story when I was a kid. He said there was blood pouring out of them, like a river ...*

Alexander Urgh!

Julia And to stop the bleeding, he burned the ends of his fingers with a cigarette lighter or something.

Alexander Oh! Stop! I'm not sure if that's heroic
⁶ _____! So what happened to him after the navy? Did the lack of fingers make it hard for him to work?

Julia Well, he only left the navy because he got injured. He
⁷ _____ during the war and he got some metal from a bomb in his legs and they gave him a pension and he left.

Alexander *That must've been horrendous.*

Julia I'm sure it was, but to be honest, he never really talked about it. I think he saw – maybe even did – some bad things and he just wanted to forget about it and
⁸ _____.

Alexander I'm not surprised.

Julia *Then, after that he did all kinds of different jobs: factory work, he worked on the railways, he did all kinds and then in the end he became a farmer, with
⁹ _____ and everything.*

Alexander And now he's retired, I guess, yeah?

Julia No, no. He's always said he wants to work till he dies, and he still
¹⁰ _____ every day and goes out and looks after his land. He's very proud of it.

Alexander *And so he should be! He sounds amazing!*