

Title:	Coincidences	Level:
Text:	<p>Much of last Tuesday evening was spent recalling unusual events we had each experienced that had a very low chance of happening.</p> <p>One of many examples I can recall was when I was on a local train returning home one evening a few years ago. A young woman came and sat next to me. I noticed that she was reading an English textbook, so I asked what she was studying for. She replied that she was going to the UK for a year, so I asked her where she was going to study.</p> <p>She replied "Cambridge". That's interesting", I said. "I come from Cambridge!"</p> <p>"Which school are you going to study at?", I asked her. "LSI", she replied.</p> <p>"What a coincidence", I said. Then I told her my friend was the manager there!</p>	
Discussion:	Have you had many coincidences and are they more often based around people, places or time?	
Words and usage:	<p>Reported speech.</p> <p>When we want to talk about a past conversation, we report the words. We report speech using verbs such as 'say' and 'ask'. For example, 'he said....' or 'she asked....'</p> <p>We change the order of the words.</p> <p>Also, reported speech changes from present to past tense. For example, a simple question like 'what time is it?' would change to 'he asked me what time it was'.</p> <p>Present perfect changes to past perfect. For example, 'I haven't been to the shop' would change to 'she said she hadn't been to the shop'.</p>	
Resources:	<p><a href="https://translate.weblio.jp">https://translate.weblio.jp</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a></p>	
Practice idea:	Recall in detail a coincidence that you had, using reported speech, if appropriate.	
Listening link:	<p><a href="#">Coincidences - audio</a></p> 	
Quiz Me! Conversation card:	<p><b>Card number E1 below is from General pack 2, available at <a href="http://englishbooks.jp">englishbooks.jp</a>, <a href="#">Amazon</a> and <a href="#">Rakuten</a></b></p>	

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**Describe an amazing  
coincidence you had.**

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