

Simplified Speech #158 – Have you ever been in an emergency?

Episode description

Emergencies can be extremely stressful, but they certainly make for some good stories. In this Simplified Speech episode, hosts Andrew and Kassy recount several stories from their childhoods about emergency situations. You'll hear stories about stubborn children, bee stings, and getting stuck in theatre chairs. Listen to their tales and find out if you've gone through anything similar!

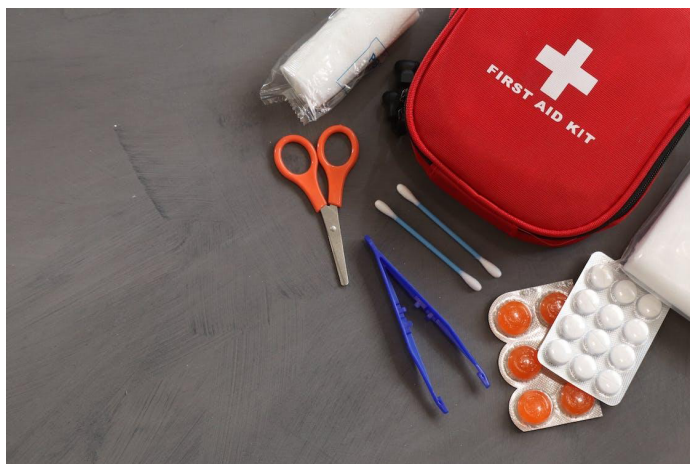
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Fun fact

Did you know that 911 (in North America) and 112 (in the European Union) are the most common emergency service numbers? Even if you can't remember the right emergency number for the country you're in, dialing either of these numbers on your smartphone should connect you to an emergency line immediately.

Expressions included in the study guide

- Lighthearted
- To storm out
- Alas
- To go nuts
- Bad influence
- To be bound to happen



Transcript

Note: The words and expressions that appear in **bold text** within the transcript are discussed in more detail in the Detailed Explanations section that follows the transcript. The transcript has been edited for clarity.

Andrew: Hello there, everyone. My name's Andrew.

Kassy: And I'm Kassy.

Andrew: And this is the Culips English Podcast.

Hello, listeners. Welcome back to Culips. This is a Simplified Speech episode. Simplified Speech is the Culips series which features clear, natural, and easy to understand English conversations about interesting topics. Today, joining me for this episode is my cohost, Kassy. Hey there, Kassy, how's it going?

Kassy: Hey, Andrew, and hi, everyone. I'm doing great. How about you?

Andrew: I'm doing well as well, Kassy, and why don't we introduce our topic for today? It's kind of a more serious topic rather than a **lighthearted** one, because today we're going to be talking about emergency situations.

Kassy: Ah, yeah, that's right. We actually recently released a Real Talk episode about how to call 911 to get help if you're in an emergency situation. But today, we're going to share some stories about different emergency situations that we've been in.

Andrew: Yes, exactly. So, guys, we'll get started with our conversation here in just a sec. But before we do, we want to let you know that we make study guides and transcripts for all of our episodes. And the study guides are prepared by our team of expert English teachers to help you build your English skills and reach your learning goals faster and easier than ever. So if you become a Culips Member, then you can get unlimited access to all of our study guides. We have like over 600 episodes, so there's tons of content to learn with. Plus, you get some great bonuses as well, like invitations to our monthly livestreams, featuring Kassy and I, so you can actually hang out and interact with Kassy and I in real time every month. Plus, there's more bonuses as well. So if you visit [Culips.com](https://www.culips.com), our website, you can sign up, become a member, and learn about all the details and benefits that you get as a Culips Member.

We'd also like to give a shout-out to one of our listeners from France with the username Petite Molly, Petite Molly, who left us a five-star rating and a nice little review on Apple Podcasts. Kassy, how about you read her review for us?

Kassy: Sure. So Petite Molly wrote, “I’ve been listening to podcasts to improve my English for many years and this podcast is, for me, the best to listen to. I like the topics, the voices, the length, etc, etc.” Well, thanks, Molly, for being such a long-time and amazing listener.

Andrew: Yeah, thank you so much. We really appreciate your support. And thank you to everyone who has been leaving us comments and reviews lately on your favourite podcast services. Guys, we unfortunately can’t shout out everybody who does this, but it really does go a long way in kind of making us more visible to other English learners around the world, right? It helps with the algorithm on different platforms when you leave us a comment or a rating. So if you could do that, it really does help us out and lets more English learners from around the world find us and improve their English with us.

So, with that being said, we’ll jump into our main conversation topic for today, which is emergency situations. As Kassy mentioned, we recently released a Real Talk episode about calling 911. So if you haven’t heard that episode, maybe you should check that one out first, because you’ll learn all about different kinds of situations where you call 911 in and how to talk with a 911 dispatcher. And of course, 911 is the emergency number in North America, in Canada and the USA. So if you’re in an emergency, you know, there’s an accident or a fire or a crime, and you need help, then you should call that number.

But in this episode, we’re going to talk about our real-life personal experiences in emergencies. And, Kassy, I’m curious about you. I know not everybody has this experience, thankfully. But I’m curious about you, Kassy, have you ever had to call 911 before in your life?

Kassy: Honestly, I have never had to call 911. However, when I was young, I can remember two distinct experiences where we did have to call some special help to help us out.

Andrew: OK, what happened?

Kassy: One time was actually on vacation.

Andrew: Were you at the beach in Carolina?

Kassy: I think we were in Disney World, actually. My sister was a bit of a precocious child, it means that she had strong opinions and if her demands were not met, she got angry very quickly. One time that happened, and she **stormed out** of the room and locked herself in the bedroom.

Andrew: In the hotel?

Kassy: Yeah, in the hotel. And she refused to open the door for hours. And then I'm pretty sure she fell asleep, even as we're banging on the door, "Open the door, open the door." And she just wouldn't. So eventually, we had to call the hotel staff and ask them to remove the door hinges so that we could get her out.

Andrew: Wow, she's really stubborn.

Kassy: Yes, it was super funny at the time.

Andrew: Do you remember the demand?

Kassy: No, I have no clue. But there was actually a similar occurrence with me. I don't know if you've done this before, Andrew, but when you were a kid, when you went to a movie theatre, did you ever like stick your arm between the seat and like the seat back? There was a hole between the seat and the seat back because the movie theatre chairs, you know, they fold down and fold back up. So there's you can stick your arm through that slot there between the seat and the back.

Andrew: Yeah, there's like a gap, right? When the seat is folded up or down, there's that gap in the back. Yeah, where the back of the chair meets the bottom of the chair. I know exactly what you're talking about.

Kassy: Yes. And I don't know why, but I have loved to stick my arm through that gap. And one time, it just wouldn't come out, so I was panicking, "Mom, Mom, Mom, help me!" And we tried everything but, **alas**, my arm was stuck for good. So we had to call the maintenance guys to come and unhinge the chair to get my arm free.

Andrew: Did they bring some of the butter from the popcorn and grease your arm up and slide it out?

Kassy: You would think they would but no, they actually took like some industrial screwdriver or something and unscrewed the chair so that I could get out.

Andrew: That actually reminds me of something similar that happened with my family. And I don't remember this episode, but I've heard about this from my parents before and I don't even remember if it was me or if it was my little brother that this happened to. My brother is about 2 years younger than I am. And we went to a concert, I believe it was a Sharon, Lois and Bram concert. I don't know, Kassy, in the USA is there a children's band that's popular called Sharon, Lois and Bram? Or is that just a Canadian thing?

Kassy: I've never heard of it. We had Kidz Bop.

Andrew: OK. I'm also like older than you, so maybe it's a generational thing. But definitely for kids growing up in the late 80s and early 90s in Canada, every kid will know Sharon, Lois and Bram. They're just like a big popular band that sing children's songs. So anyways, I guess my brother and I were fans of Sharon, Lois and Bram when we were kids, and they were playing a concert so we went to the concert. And either it was me or either it was my brother who was standing on one of those theatre-style chairs at the concert venue and fell through the back and got our legs stuck in a very similar situation. So, I guess those chairs are dangerous for kids.

Kassy: Did you have to call the maintenance department of that concert and get unstuck?

Andrew: I have no idea, like, I was really young, so like I said, this is not something I remember. It's just something that I remember my parents telling me, so I don't know exactly how that incident played out. But I know it was traumatic enough that either my brother or me freaked out and, yeah, maybe they had to call for assistance because we got stuck in that situation.

So, Kassy, you're actually pretty lucky then. It sounds like you haven't really ever encountered any very serious emergency.

Kassy: Yes, knock on wood.

Andrew: Knock on wood. Knock on wood is what we say when we don't want to jinx something in the future, right? We don't want to have suddenly bad luck, because we've been talking about it. It's kind of an English speaker superstition.

Kassy: Yes, that's true.

Andrew: As for me, unfortunately, I can think of a couple of times where I've either witnessed an emergency situation or I've been in an emergency situation where me or one of my family members or friends has had to call 911. And most of them are related to growing up as a kid and I think it's just part of like growing up as a kid in Canada. I know kids from all parts of the world enjoy playing outside and getting into trouble. But like I said, I have a younger brother and he's 2 years younger than me, so that means that we played outside together. And of course, growing up in Canada, there's a lot of forest and places where you can play in the forest. And my childhood home, the back of my house had a backyard and then right behind the backyard was a forest.

So we would go and play in the forest all the time and get into trouble in the forest and, you know, make tree houses and build forts, and there were cliffs, so we'd climb the rocks, and we'd ride our mountain bikes back there and just do all kinds of things that are pretty dangerous. And these days, I think kids aren't even allowed to do these things. Like, I think parents would supervise their children. But in my generation, my parents were just, like, **go nuts**. And we'd spend all day in the forest doing all kinds of wacky stuff that I think kids these days maybe don't do.

But I remember we built a tree house, and we didn't know how to build or anything. We would actually just walk through the forest until we could find some big logs or maybe some scrap lumber, some scrap wood, and just kind of put together some kind of platform in the trees, right? It's not like a beautiful house. It's more just like a floor in some trees and then we would go and hang out up there. And I remember one time my cousin was visiting and while we were all up on the tree house, it fell down and broke apart and he fell out of the tree house and that was an emergency situation. I think he was OK, but somebody, maybe my mom, or one of my other cousins called the emergency line, just in case. Because you never know if you could hit your head or something and maybe have a concussion.

Kassy: Yeah, or internal bleeding.

Andrew: Internal bleeding, something like that. So that was one time, related to the forest where somebody called 911 in my family.

Another time is my mom was in the woods right at the back because my mom loves gardening, and she was an avid gardener at that house. And we used to throw all of our compost and gardening waste, I guess you would say, you know, like dead leaves and when you cut the grass, you have the grass clippings or if you're pruning plants, you have some branches, all of that kind of stuff, we would just dump in the forest behind our house to let it compost. And so, my mom was dropping off some of this compost in the woods behind our backyard. And then suddenly, I hear my mom screaming and running into the backyard. And everybody's like, "What the heck, what's going on?" And she had stepped on like a hornet's nest or a beehive or something and she was getting attacked by all these hornets and bees. And again, I was pretty young, I was probably only like 10 or 11 when this happened. So I don't exactly remember the outcome. But I think my dad called 911 in that situation again, because like she got stung a lot and attacked by these hornets or these bees, whatever nasty bug they were. So that was bad.

And one final backyard accident that I remember.

Kassy: You have a lot of those.

Andrew: Like I said, kids in Canada, in the small towns, you know, we spend a lot of time outside. One other one that I remember distinctly is we had a trampoline in my backyard, a big trampoline. Kassy, did you grow up playing on a trampoline at all?

Kassy: I did not have one but one of my neighbour friends did so, yeah, I'd go quite often.

Andrew: They're a really common thing to play on back in my day. I was born in 1984, so I grew up late 80s into the 90s, that's when I was a kid and super popular in Canada, like all of my friends had trampolines and we would just go wild on them. Big trampolines, like maybe, I don't know, 5 or 6 metres in diameter. So, you know, as boys, we would wrestle on them and we would jump off them and do tricks. And I think these days, again, parents maybe wouldn't buy these for their kids. Or if they did, they would have safety rails or safety nets or some kind of precaution, maybe wear a helmet. But of course, we had none of that in my day and we liked to try and, you know, push the limits.

So, my house was a two-storey house and on the second storey, we had a balcony where we would go outside for, you know, eating dinner outside, we had a barbecue out there, and it was on the second storey of the house. So what my brother and I and our neighbourhood friends we'd like to do was put the trampoline under the balcony, and then jump off the balcony onto the trampoline, you know, do flips and do jumps and stuff like that.

Kassy: That sounds terrifying.

Andrew: Yeah, not maybe the most safety conscious thing, but it was super fun. And, you know, I have a younger sister, as well. And she listens to Culips so she's probably listening to this episode right now. So, shout-out to my sister. But I guess I was a **bad influence** because I encouraged her to try it. I was like, "Sister, it's so fun. Why don't you give it a shot? Why don't you give it a try?" And she was like, "No, no, no, I don't want to do it. I am too scared. It's too high." And she's 5 years younger than I am, so if I was like, maybe 11 or 12 when I was doing this, then she was just, you know, 6 or 7, so just a little girl. Finally, I convinced her to do it and she did it. She jumped off the balcony, down, you know, two stories to the trampoline and she hit it weird and bounced off and mangled her arm or something. I don't exactly remember what happened. But it was an emergency situation. And I distinctly remember my mom calling 911 in that moment. So, I think maybe my father was not home, my dad wasn't home. So we didn't have the car to go to the hospital. So we had to call for an ambulance. So, yeah, lots of accidents happening in the backyard.

Kassy: Backyard shenanigans.

Andrew: Yeah, backyard shenanigans, indeed.

Kassy, what about these days? Do you take like any special safety precautions to make sure you avoid emergency situations at all?

Kassy: I'm a bit of a weenie. For listeners who don't know what that means, it's someone who's, like, scared of something. In my case, I'm scared of getting hurt. I hate being sick or injured or unable to do my normal routine. So, I think just, you know, when I do sports or something slightly dangerous, I do it with the utmost caution to, you know, at least attempt to prevent something that could go wrong.

Andrew: So, you're very cautious then when doing something. So, like, if you ride a bike, for example, you're always wearing your bike helmet?

Kassy: Oh, besides when I ride a bike. But, like, when I ride a bike, I don't really like helmets, I should wear one. Listeners, you should wear a helmet too. I'm a hypocrite. But I always bike very slowly, before I cross roads, I look both ways. When I play sports, I stretch beforehand, so I don't pull any muscles or break bones, that kind of thing.

Andrew: Good, good, good. I guess me, too, like thinking about riding my bike, these days, you know, one of my hobbies is cycling and riding my bike. And I always buy these days, like, really bright-coloured bike clothes. I look like a rainbow out there. I have, like, orange jerseys and yellow socks and stuff because I want to stand out and make sure cars can see me, that I'm really visible so that I don't get hit when I'm riding my bike. So I think maybe some of these experiences that I had when I was younger, like just being kind of reckless and careless, these days, I'm totally the opposite and just like you I do not want to get injured at all. Especially now that I'm starting to get a little bit older, I'm 38 right now. You know breaking my arm or breaking my leg would just be, like, a lot more difficult at this age than it would be when I was younger. I used to do crazy stuff like doing big jumps on my mountain bike and going snowboarding and going in like the half pipe. You know, doing the half pipe and doing big jumps on my snowboard, stuff like that. These days, I'm cautious even about doing an activity like snowboarding. I'm like, "Ah, is the pleasure worth the risk? The pleasure of snowboarding, is it worth the risk of falling awkwardly and breaking my wrist?" And usually I'm like, "No, not worth it." So I just won't do that activity. So, I've really changed and I'm a lot more cautious these days.

Kassy: Yes, I think a lot of emergencies you can't really prevent. But those kinds of ones you can definitely do your best to prevent. There's gonna come a time where the elevator doesn't work when you're on it or, you know, you get into a freak car accident that it wasn't your fault. Those things **are bound to happen**. But it's always good to try your best to prevent an accident from occurring.

Andrew: Absolutely. So, everyone, I think that will bring us to the end of today's episode. So thank you for listening, and congratulations and great job on completing an English study session here with Kassy and I today. And of course, we want to know now about your opinion. And I think maybe everybody has some kind of story to tell about this situation. So if you've ever witnessed an emergency or even been in an emergency situation yourself, then please share your stories with us. You can leave a comment on our website, Culips.com. Or you could visit the discussion forum and leave a message there. Or you could even post it to social media and share it with us through social media.

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Andrew: You can also support us by following us on social media, telling your friends who are learning English to check us out, or by leaving us a rating and review on Apple Podcasts or really whatever app you listen to Culips with. So that's it for now, but we will be back soon with another new episode. Take care, everyone, and we'll talk to you soon. Goodbye.

Kassy: See ya.

Detailed Explanations

Lighthearted Adjective

In the beginning of the episode, Andrew introduces the topic of conversation by saying that it is not **lighthearted**, but rather quite serious: emergency situations. **Lighthearted** is an adjective that means carefree, not very serious, or intended to be amusing. It's usually used to describe a person's behaviour, a topic of conversation, or a piece of media such as a movie. For example, many comedies are **lighthearted** because they don't cover serious or important topics. You could also describe a person as **lighthearted** if they have a carefree personality and don't worry about things very often.

Lighthearted is usually used in a positive way. If you want to use it in a negative way, it's best to add an adverb like too or overly. For example, you might say that a teammate who isn't taking the upcoming basketball game seriously as being too **lighthearted**.

Here are a couple more examples with **lighthearted**:

David: Wow, that was an incredible film. I thought I might start crying during that last scene.

Jennifer: Yeah, it was all right ...

David: What, you didn't like it?

Jennifer: It's not that it was a bad movie, but the story was just so depressing. I prefer to watch something a little more **lighthearted**. How about we go and see a comedy next time?

Terry: Can you believe that the CEO stopped by the holiday party last night?

Ariana: I was shocked! I'd never spoken with him before. He's totally different than what I expected.

Terry: Right? During meetings, he's always so stern. I never thought he would give such a warm and **lighthearted** speech. He even made a few jokes!

Ariana: I guess he was really feeling the holiday spirit.

To storm out

Phrasal verb

In Kassy's first story about calling someone for help when she was a child, she talks about her sister **storming out** of a room and locking herself in a separate room. **To storm out** means that you suddenly leave an enclosed space (for example, a room, building, or car) in an angry way. A person will usually **storm out** if they have been arguing with someone and want to end the conversation or are not getting what they want.

To storm out is an inseparable phrasal verb, meaning you cannot put a direct object in between storm and out. For example, you could say, "My brother **stormed out** of the room," but you cannot say, "My brother stormed the room out." You can also say that someone **stormed into**, meaning they entered a space in an angry way. For example, you could say, "After the meeting with his important client, David **stormed into** his office. I could tell it didn't go very well."

Here are a couple more examples with **to storm out**:

Beth: I've been having a hard time with my daughter lately.

Jacob: How so?

Beth: Every time I try to start a conversation with her, she just glares at me and **storms out** of the room. I know teenagers can be moody, but I don't know what to do.

Jacob: I see. That's a tough situation.

Annika: Hey, can I come over?

Mark: Sure, Annika. Is something wrong?

Annika: Yeah ... I just got into a huge argument with Jeff, and he **stormed out** of our apartment. I was hoping I could get your advice on the situation.

Mark: Of course. I'm always here for you. Come over whenever you like.

Annika: Thanks, Mark. I really appreciate you.

Alas Interjection

In this episode, Kassy tells a story about getting stuck in a movie theatre-style chair when she was a kid. She uses the interjection **alas** before explaining that she couldn't get unstuck, and her mom had to call a maintenance worker to disassemble the chair.

You can say **alas** to show that you feel sadness, disappointment, or regret about something. It means the same thing as the adverb unfortunately and can be used in the same way. However, **alas** sounds a little bit old-fashioned and should only be used if you're trying to sound dramatic or comical.

When you use **alas** in the middle of a written sentence, it is typically offset by commas or an exclamation mark.

Here are a few more examples with **alas**:

Howie: So, Maggie, what did the mechanic say about your car?

Maggie: I was hoping it would be a cheap fix but, **alas**, the transmission needs to be replaced. It's going to be about \$3,500.

Howie: Yikes!

Maggie: Yup. I'd better try and do some overtime this month so I can afford it.

Jamie: Carlos, I heard you went on a date Friday night.

Carlos: That's right! It was a lovely evening—dinner, a movie, and a walk in the park under the moonlight.

Jamie: Oh, how romantic. So are you going to set up a second date?

Carlos: **Alas**, Jamie, it's not meant to be. At the end of the evening, she told me that she had a wonderful time but just wanted to stay friends.

To go nuts

Idiom

When Andrew describes some of the risky outdoor activities he would do as a child with his younger brother, he says that his parents' attitude was, "Like, **go nuts**."

To go nuts means two things. The first definition is to go mentally insane or crazy. The second is to do a lot of something you enjoy without restraint. In this episode, we hear the second definition used. We often use this idiom when telling someone what to do. For example, we can tell someone to **go nuts**. When you say this to someone, you communicate that they can do whatever they like without having to hold back.

In this episode, Andrew meant that his parents were encouraging him and his brother to play in the woods and explore as much as they wanted to.

This is an informal expression and should only be used in casual situations with peers or children. If you want to get the same meaning across in a more formal situation, you can say, "Please go ahead" or "Please feel free."

Here are a couple more examples with **to go nuts**:

Bobby: Mommy, is it really OK for me to pick out any candy I want?

Anita: Yes, sweetie. **Go nuts!** It's your birthday, after all.

Bobby: Yahoo!

Brandon: Wow! Your haircut is so different! It looks really good, Erica.

Erica: Thank you so much, Brandon!

Brandon: I've never seen your hair so short before. Did you ask the hairdresser for this style?

Erica: Actually, I was feeling pretty daring that day and I just walked in and told her, "**Go nuts**. Do whatever you want." I'm so glad I did!

Bad influence

Noun

In one of Andrew's last stories about an emergency situation, he describes himself as a **bad influence** on his little sister for encouraging her to join in the dangerous trampoline game he was playing. A **bad influence** is someone who teaches or encourages others to do unhealthy, dangerous, or immoral things. Parents will often use this expression to describe children who have a negative impact on their own kids. For example, if you notice your son has started to use bad words ever since he started spending time with a new friend, you might think that friend is a **bad influence**.

Conversely, a **good influence** is someone who helps others learn how to become a better person. For example, if you usually spend all weekend watching TV but you've started to go jogging on Saturdays because your new roommate likes to do that, she is a **good influence** on you.

Here are a few more examples with **bad influence**:

Hannah: Jonathan, why are you home so late? It's way past your curfew!

Jonathan: Whatever, Mom.

Hannah: Were you hanging out with Anthony again? He always speaks to his mother like that. He is such a **bad influence** on you!

Jonathan: I don't care what you think! I'm going up to my room.

Hannah: Jonathan! Do not end a conversation with your mother like that!

Matthew: Honey, we need to talk about Jessica.

Mary: What? What's the matter?

Matthew: You know how she's been spending a lot of time at her friend Natalie's house recently? Well, I've noticed some changes in her behaviour. She's been very disrespectful towards me, and her teacher called the other day to tell me that she's been skipping class.

Mary: So, you're saying that Natalie might be a **bad influence** on Jessica? OK. Let's call Natalie's parents and try to find out what's going on.

To be bound to happen Idiom

Towards the end of the episode, Kassy says that we should try our best to prevent emergencies from happening, but some accidents **are just bound to happen**. **To be bound to happen** means that something is going to occur whether you want it to or not. When something **is bound to happen**, it is inevitable and can't be stopped. This expression is often used to talk about predictable behaviours, such as a very argumentative friend getting into a fight with his new girlfriend. Because that friend has an argumentative personality, getting into a fight with his girlfriend **is bound to happen**.

To be bound to can be used with other words besides happen. For example, you could say, "The reckless driver **was bound to get into a car accident** eventually." This expression is most often used for negative situations but can also be used for positive ones. For example, if your son plays soccer and has been losing a lot of games recently, you might think that his team **is bound to win** a game sooner or later. Another example is that your friend who is looking for a job has an excellent resume and is great at interviews. Because of this, you think that he's **bound to get hired** soon!

Here are a few more examples with **bound to happen**:

Ginny: Alex, Yvonne looks pretty upset. Do you know if something happened?

Alex: Yeah. She said she broke up with her boyfriend last night. She's really devastated.

Ginny: Oh no ... Well, the way those two fought, that **was bound to happen** eventually. I hope she can get over him soon. Let's go talk to her and cheer her up.

Gregory: What's with the big smile?

Casey: A talent agent came to my show last night and spoke with me after my performance. She said I had great potential and that we should set up a meeting at her agency next week! I'm so thrilled!

Gregory: Wow, congratulations! I knew that **was bound to happen** one of these days. You're one of the best singers I know.

Quiz

1. **If someone asked you to take them to see a lighthearted movie, you would probably choose a _____.**
 - a) documentary about climate change
 - b) psychological thriller
 - c) romantic comedy
 - d) horror movie

2. **You see your roommate storm out of your apartment. He is probably feeling _____.**
 - a) angry
 - b) sleepy
 - c) anxious
 - d) excited

3. **If something is bound to happen, it _____.**
 - a) will only happen if you're lucky
 - b) will probably never occur
 - c) will only happen with a lot of effort
 - d) will eventually occur

4. **You think your daughter's friend Tammy is a bad influence because _____.**
 - a) Tammy is never late to school
 - b) Tammy gets good marks in class
 - c) Tammy talks a lot
 - d) Tammy is always rude to her parents

5. **You are at an amusement park, and you tell your kids to go nuts. In other words, you're telling them to _____.**
 - a) have fun and go on as many rides as they want
 - b) have a mental breakdown
 - c) go buy nuts from the vendors
 - d) sit quietly and behave

Writing and Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been in an emergency where you needed to call the police or an ambulance? Describe what happened.
2. When you were growing up, did your parents let you have a lot of freedom, or were they very protective of you? Explain.
3. When you were growing up, did you look out for your friends and protect them from dangerous situations, or did you encourage them to take risks? Explain.
4. Are you calm and rational during an emergency, or do you freeze up and feel unsure of what to do? Describe a situation you lived through that shows how you react in an emergency.
5. Have you learned an important lesson from an emergency or accident you've experienced in your life? Explain.

Quiz Answers

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