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I learned a lot from...

- Asking about significant experiences
- Talking about important events

1 | Vocabulary

A Look at the phrases below. Check each thing that has happened to you in the last five years.

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| ___ overcome an obstacle | ___ face a challenge |
| ___ get into (a new interest) | ___ make a change |
| ___ have a setback | ___ make the decision to
(do something different) |
| ___ have an/the opportunity to
(do something you wanted to do) | ___ take a risk |

B PAIR WORK Take turns talking about the things that have happened to you. Ask two follow-up questions.

2 | Conversation

CD1 02 **A** Listen. What happened to Louis recently? What happened to Kristin?

Kristin: Hi, Louis. I hear you've made a big change recently.

Louis: Yeah, I have. I just got a job as a photographer. ___

Kristin: Oh, wow! How did you get into photography? ___

Louis: I had the opportunity to work with a photographer friend of mine. I learned a lot from working with him. I also learned that I wanted to be a professional photographer.

Kristin: That's great! Congratulations!

Louis: Thanks! Oh, that reminds me, Ana tells me that you just moved.

Kristin: Yes, I did. I had a setback last month when I lost my job, but it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me. I just got a much better job, and I moved to São Paulo. ___

Louis: I'm sorry to hear about your setback, but so glad to hear about your new job! ___



B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation. Then find the best places to add the sentences below to the conversation and practice it again.

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| 1. I didn't realize you were a photographer. | 3. I love it! |
| 2. I hope I can visit! | 4. I've always wanted to live there. |

3 | Language Booster

A Notice the different ways we ask about significant experiences and talk about important events.

Asking about significant experiences

I hear that
(Ana) tells me that you just moved.

Oh, that reminds me, (Ana tells me that you just moved).

Talking about important events

It is one of the most exciting things I've ever done.

It turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me.

It's the best decision I've ever made.

It was one of the biggest challenges I've ever faced.

B PAIR WORK Take turns asking and talking about an important event in your life.

4 | Listening

CD1 03 **A** Listen. Write the correct name under each picture.

Clara

Alex

Victor

Larissa



CD1 03 **B** Listen again. Mark the statements **T** (true) or **F** (false). Then compare your answers with a partner.

- _____ 1. Clara wants to be a teacher. _____ 3. Victor is studying to become a baker.
 _____ 2. Alex lost his job last month. _____ 4. Larissa got married last year.

ONLINE PRACTICE

SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

A PAIR WORK Complete each story below with your own idea. Think of the most exciting and challenging things you can. Then share and respond to stories with your partner.

1. I faced a challenge. _____
 2. I overcame an obstacle. _____
 3. I took a risk. I made the decision to _____

B GROUP WORK Join another pair and share and respond to stories.

