

## **Beginning a story**

- Speaking of...
- Did I ever tell you about...
- I'll always remember the time...
- I must tell you about...
- I remember + verb-ing.

## **Giving background information/description**

- We were <verb>ing when...
- The sun was shining, the birds were singing...

## **What comes next is expected**

- As you might expect...
- Of course, ...

## **What comes next is unexpected**

- Strangely enough...
- Next thing we knew...
- Then suddenly...

## **What comes next is another bad thing**

- Just to make matters worse...

## **What comes next is action, not description.**

- Anyway,.. /So anyway...

## **The story is coming to an end**

- In the end...

## **“Speaking of... “: Language for Storytelling!**

- That was it, really.
- So there we are.
- Eventually...

**This is how the storyteller feels about the action in the story.**

- It was awful!
- I was terrified!
- It was brilliant!