

Longer storytelling phrases card games

Teacher's instructions

Cut up one pack of cards per group of two to four students, with the middle ones (in bold) in a separate pack. Students try to match up the beginnings and endings to make basic phrases, then add the ones in bold to the middle to help check and expand on their answers. After checking their answers, they can test each other in pairs and then try to use the phrases on the cards while telling a story.

Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

a	little	while later
after it was	all	over
after a	fair/ little	while
as	he/ I/ she had	expected/ predicted/ promised
at	exactly/ just	that moment/ the same time
by	total	coincidence
by a stroke of	good	fortune/ luck
despite my	initial	doubts/ misgivings
for	just	a moment/ a second
had	already/ just/ nearly	finished/ started
he	really	wished he hadn't...
in	actual	fact
in the	very	next moment
it wasn't	at all	what I had expected
just in	the nick of	time
looking back	on it	now
once, when I was a	young	child
one day	near the beginning of	last year
to his	complete	surprise
was/ were	just	about to... when...
without	any	warning
without	me	noticing/ realizing