Teacher’s Notes

Aim
To practice asking questions in the past, to complete missing information.

Language focus
Simple past Wh- questions.

Materials and preparation
Each pair of students will need one copy of the page. Cut it in half along the dotted lines. Students will also need a pen or pencil.

Student organization
Pairs.

Suggested time
15-20 minutes.

Procedures
- Put students in pairs, indicate A and B, and give each student in the pair the corresponding half of the page. Tell students not to show each other their half of the page.
- Ask students to quickly read the article and look at their pictures, and check understanding of words such as telephone book, airport, and any other unfamiliar words. You might want to teach the concept of adoption, although it is not mentioned specifically in the article.
- Explain that students should try to complete the text by using the information they have in the pictures on their half of the page. After they have filled in as many blanks as possible, they should collaborate to complete the article by asking each other questions about the missing information.
- Circulate and help students with their questions or any other vocabulary.
- When students have finished, check their answers on the board to see if everyone came up with the same information and vocabulary. Variations are acceptable as long as they are in correct English and factually correct according to the pictures.
- After checking answers, ask students why they think the brother and sister didn’t meet for 30 years. Encourage them to come up with a variety of possible ideas.
Unit 15: Telling pictures

Answer Key

Some variations on these answers are possible:

1. newspaper
2. police officer
3. Boston
4. father
5. address
6. letter
7. called
8. letter
9. airport
10. restaurant

Some possible questions:

Where is/was Anna Wilson from?

Where did she see her brother's / his picture?

What was the article about?

Where was the police officer from?

Where is her father's picture? / Where does she have her father's picture?

What did she find in a telephone book?

What did she write (to) him?

Where did they meet? / Which airport did they meet at?

Where did they go? / Where did they have a wonderful meal?
Anna Bridges, from Miami, finally met her brother, Harry Wilson, after 30 years. She saw his picture in an article in the **1** about a **2** from **3**. She says, “Our parents died when we were very young. After that, we were sent to live with different families in different cities. I saw the picture, and I knew it was him. He looks just like a picture I have of my **4**.” She found his **5** in a telephone book and wrote him a **6**. “He **7** me as soon as he got the **8**.” They met at the **9**. What was the first thing they did? “We went to a **10** and had a wonderful meal. Like everyone in our family, we both love good food!”