



Mini lesson 011 - Discover and Encounter

Discover means to find or learn something unexpectedly. It can be used for both people and objects, but it's most commonly applied to things or information. When you're not searching for something but stumble upon it during another activity, you "discover" it.

Discover is type 3: transitive and not separable. The grammar is "I discovered it."

- I discovered a quaint little bookstore while exploring the city yesterday.
- He discovered a hidden talent for painting during lockdown.
- I discovered your old letters while organizing the attic.

Encounter means to meet or come across someone or something unexpectedly, often in a surprising or challenging way. It is typically used for people, situations, or problems. **Encounter** is type 3.

- I encountered Sarah at the grocery store yesterday.
- You might encounter difficulties during your travels.
- She encountered an old classmate at the conference last week.





Practice Time!

Change the sentences to include the phrasal verbs. Use "discover" for things and "encounter" for people or situations.

1. I met Tom by chance at the park.

2. He found some interesting facts by chance in the old records.

3. We met our neighbors by chance during the block party.

4. They found a new café by chance near their office.

5. She met her professor by chance in the library.

6. I found a perfect spot for a picnic by chance while hiking.

7. We met an old friend by chance on the flight.

8. He found some vintage postcards by chance in the attic.

9. I met my cousin by chance at the concert.

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Answers

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