



Mini lesson 012 - Come Across and Bump Into

Come across means to find or encounter something by chance. It's often used for things rather than people. When you stumble upon something unexpectedly during your activities, you "come across" it.

Come across is type 3: transitive and not separable. The grammar is "I came across it."

- I came across an interesting article while browsing the internet.
- She came across her grandmother's diary in the attic.
- We came across a new restaurant on our way home.

Bump into means to meet someone by chance, especially someone you know but weren't expecting to see. It's also type 3.

- I bumped into Mark at the cinema last night.
- We bumped into each other during the morning commute.
- She bumped into her old teacher at the grocery store.





Practice Time!

Change the sentences to include the phrasal verbs. Use "come across" for things and "bump into" for people.

1. She found her lost ring by chance in the garden.

2. I met my neighbor by chance at the coffee shop.

3. They found an old photo album by chance in the basement.

4. We met the new manager by chance at the conference.

5. He found a rare book by chance at the flea market.

6. I met an old friend by chance at the train station.

7. She found a beautiful painting by chance in the thrift store.

8. We met our former boss by chance at a restaurant.

9. He found a solution to the problem by chance during the meeting.

10. I met my cousin by chance in the mall.

Answers

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