

## Telling About Unexpected Changes

You may have noticed this sign throughout Cinnie's Autobiography and once in Jose's Life Story. The sign is used as a conjunction when telling about an unexpected change that occurs suddenly or without warning.

You will see four minidiologues on videotape in which one person explains to another how plans went awry. In each example, the sign illustrated here is used when telling about the unexpected change in plans. After watching each dialogue, fill in the information requested below.



**Situation 1:** Ethan tells Sandra he thought she had moved away. Sandra explains...

*What happened:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Situation 2:** Lon asks Malcolm why Tom isn't here. Malcolm explains...

*What happened:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Situation 3:** Cinnie asks Carlene why George (name sign G-on-chest) has a cast on his leg. Carlene explains...

*What happened:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Situation 4:** Dan asks why Mary is late. Mary explains...

*What happened:* \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers on p. 160.

Now go back to "Jose's Life Story" and "Cinnie's Autobiography" to see when and how the narrators use this conjunction in their stories to tell about unexpected changes.