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It all went wrong

Past tenses • Word formation • Time expressions

Here are the past tense forms of some irregular verbs. Write the infinitives.

1 _____ were

4 _____ told

7 _____ took

10 _____ could

2 _____ saw

5 _____ said

8 _____ gave

11 _____ made

3 _____ went

6 _____ had

9 _____ got

12 _____ did

Choosing the right verb

Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Past Simple.

fall	find	break
laugh	spend	leave
lose	need	take
celebrate	save	
can't (past = couldn't)		



LOST, ALONE, AND INJURED

ON A MOUNTAIN

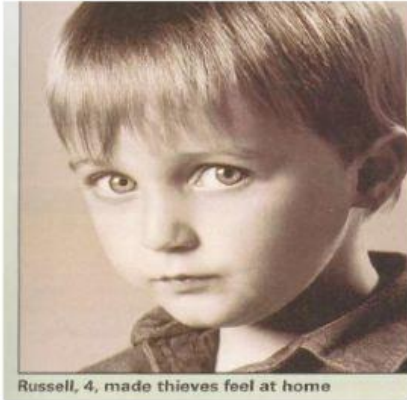
Gary Smith yesterday *celebrated* his twentieth birthday, but he's lucky to be alive. In March this year, he was climbing Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, when he (1) _____ his way and (2) _____ sixteen hours in sub-zero temperatures. 'My friends (3) _____ at me for having so much survival equipment, but it (4) _____ my life.'

On the first night, the weather was so bad that it tore his new mountain tent to pieces, so he moved into a Youth Hostel. He (5) _____ the hostel at 10.00 the next morning, but that afternoon he was in trouble. 'I (6) _____ off a rock and (7) _____ my left leg. I (8) _____ move.' Mountain rescue teams went out to look for Gary, and (9) _____

him at 9.00 the next morning. A helicopter (10) _____ him to hospital, where he (11) _____ several operations. 'Next time I'll go with my friends, not on my own!' he joked.

THE BURGLARS' FRIEND

Past Simple



T3.1 Read and listen to the newspaper article. Why was Russell the burglars' friend?

The burglars' friend

IT was 3 o'clock in the morning when four-year-old Russell Brown woke up to go to the toilet.

His parents were fast asleep in bed. But when he heard a noise in the living room and saw a light was on, he went downstairs.

There he found two men. They asked him his name, and told him they were friends of the family.

Unfortunately, Russell believed them. They asked him where the video recorder

His parents were fast asleep in bed

was. Russell showed them, and said they had a stereo and CD player, too.

The two men carried these to the kitchen. Russell also told them that his mother kept her purse in a drawer in the kitchen, so they took that. Russell even gave them his pocket money – 50p.

They finally left at 4 a.m.

They said, 'Will you open the back door while we take these things to the car, because we don't want to wake Mummy and Daddy, do we?' So Russell held the door open for them. He then went back to bed.

His parents didn't know about the burglary until they got up the next day. His father said, 'I couldn't be angry with Russell because he thought he was doing the right thing.'

Fortunately, the police caught the two burglars last week.

T3.2 You will hear some sentences about the story. Correct the mistakes.

Russell woke up at 2 o'clock.

He didn't wake up at 2.00! He woke up at 3.00

Write the questions to these answers.

1 Because he wanted to go to the toilet.

Why did *he* wake up?

1 They were in bed.

3 Because he heard a noise and saw a light on.

4 Two.

5 They told him they were friends of the family.

6 In a drawer in the kitchen.

7 50p.

8 At 4 a.m.

9 The next day. (*When ... find out about... ?*)

10 Last week.

Match the verb phrases. Then make sentences using both verbs in the past. Join the sentences with *so*, *because*, *and*, or *but*.

I broke a cup, but I mended it with glue.

break a cup	answer it
feel ill	mend it
make a sandwich	wash my hair
have a shower	laugh
lose my passport	be hungry
call the police	go to bed
run out of coffee	buy some more
forget her birthday	find it
phone ring	say sorry
tell a joke	hear a strange noise

NEWSPAPER STORIES

Past Continuous

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

✓	I	was	working.
	He, She, It		
	We, You, They	were	
✗	I	was not	working.
	He, She, It	wasn't ['wəzənt]	
	We, You, They	were not weren't [wɜ:nt]	
?	What Where When Why How	was	I
		were	he, she, it
			we, you, they
			doing? working?

Time markers: **Past Continuous**

- yesterday from 5 till 6
- from 5 to 6 on Sunday
- when my brother came
- while my mother was cooking dinner
- for 3 days last week
- all day long / the whole day

1 Complete the newspaper articles with the Past Simple of the verbs in the boxes. First listen

T3.5 Listen

have can steal give say

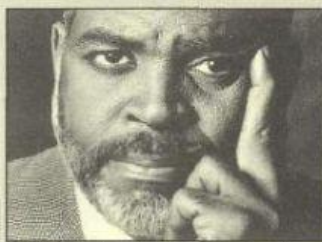
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Hands up, I've got a burger!

Last Tuesday a man armed with just a hot hamburger in a bag (1) _____ \$1,000 from a bank in Danville, California.

Police Detective Bill McGinnis (2) _____ that the robber entered the Mount Diablo National Bank at about 1.30 p.m. and (3) _____ the teller a note demanding \$1,000. He claimed that he (4) _____ a bomb in the bag. The teller said she (5) _____ smell a distinct

odour of hamburger coming from the bag. Even so, she handed the money to the man. He dropped the bag with the hamburger. He escaped in a car.



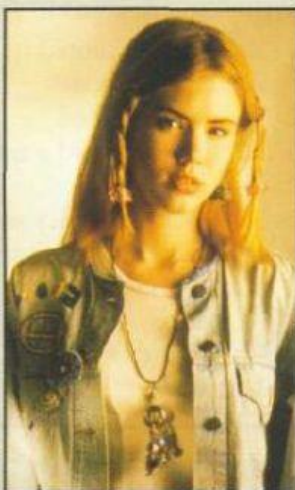
Police Detective Bill McGinnis

break hear come leave go

b

Teenage party ends in tears

When Jack and Kelly Harman (1) _____ away on holiday, they (2) _____ their teenage daughter alone in the house. Zoë, aged 16, wanted to stay at home. Her parents said she could have some friends to stay. However, Zoë decided to have a party. Things started to go wrong. Forty uninvited guests arrived. They (3) _____ furniture, smashed windows, and stole jewellery.



Zoë Harman, 16, home alone

When Mr and Mrs Harman (4) _____ the news, they (5) _____ home immediately.

2 Match these phrases to the articles. Where exactly does each phrase go in the story?

... because she was revising for exams.

As he was running out of the bank,

Everyone was having a good time when suddenly ...

... that was waiting for him outside.

... and some of them were carrying knives.

... , who was wearing a mask, ...

