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P past simple verbs

8A A murder story

1 READING

a Read the back cover of a murder story. Then cover it and look at the photographs. Can you remember who the people are?

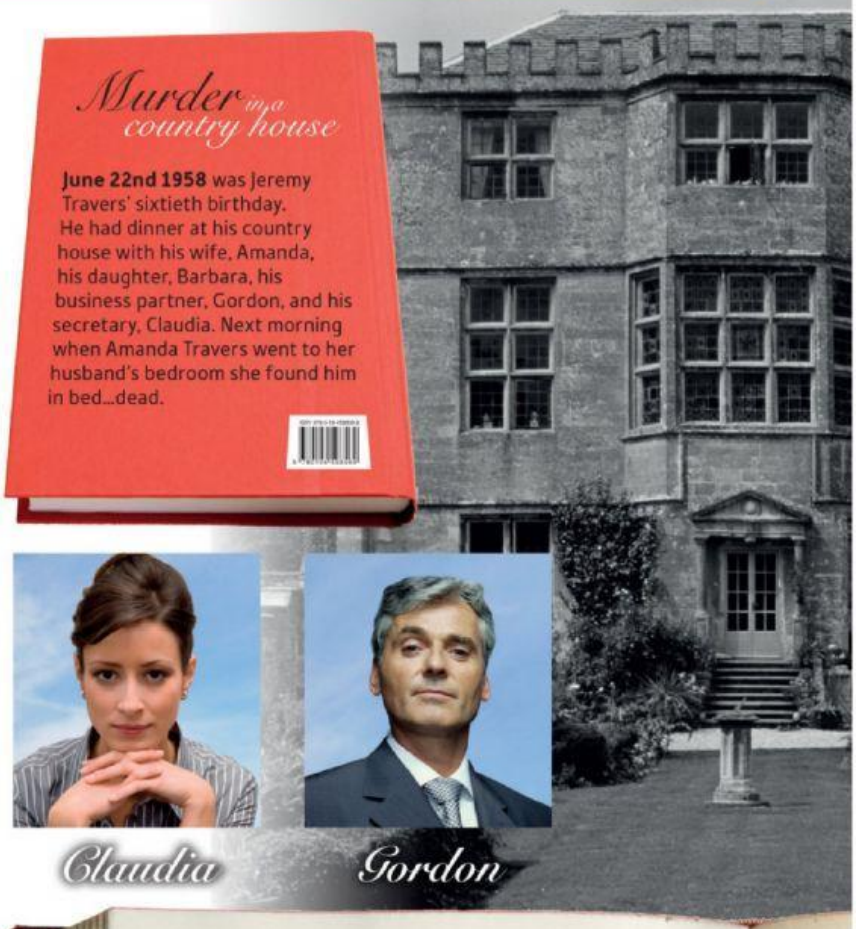
Who's Amanda? *She's Jeremy's wife.*

b 4 2 Read and listen to the story. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** sentences.

1 Somebody killed Jeremy between 12.00 a.m. and 2.00.
2 The inspector questioned Amanda in the living room.
3 Jeremy went to bed before Amanda.
4 Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room.
5 Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door.
6 Amanda got up at 7.00.
7 Amanda didn't love Jeremy.

c Look at the highlighted irregular verbs in the story. What are the infinitives?

1 was = be



2 PRONUNCIATION
past simple verbs

a 4 3 Listen to the pronunciation of these verbs in the past simple.

thought could found heard read
said saw took taught wore

b 4 4 Now match the verbs in **a** with a word below which rhymes. Listen and check. Practise saying the words.

book _____	bed _____ _____
round _____	four _____ _____
bird _____	port _____ _____
good _____	

c 4 5 Find and underline nine past simple **regular** verbs in the story. How do you pronounce them? Listen and check.

Inspector Granger arrived at about 9.00. He [1]was a tall man with a big black moustache. Amanda, Barbara, Claudia, and Gordon [2]were in the living room. The inspector [3]came in.

'Mr Travers died between midnight last night and seven o'clock this morning,' he [4]said. 'Somebody in this room killed him.' He looked at them one by one, but nobody [5]spoke.

'Mrs Travers, I want to talk to you first. Come into the library with me, please.'

Amanda Travers followed the inspector into the library and they [6]sat down.

'What did your husband do after dinner last night?'

'When we finished dinner Jeremy said he was tired and he [7]went to bed.'

'Did you go to bed then?'

'No, I didn't. I went for a walk in the garden.'

'What time did you go to bed?'

'About quarter to twelve.'

'Was your husband asleep?'

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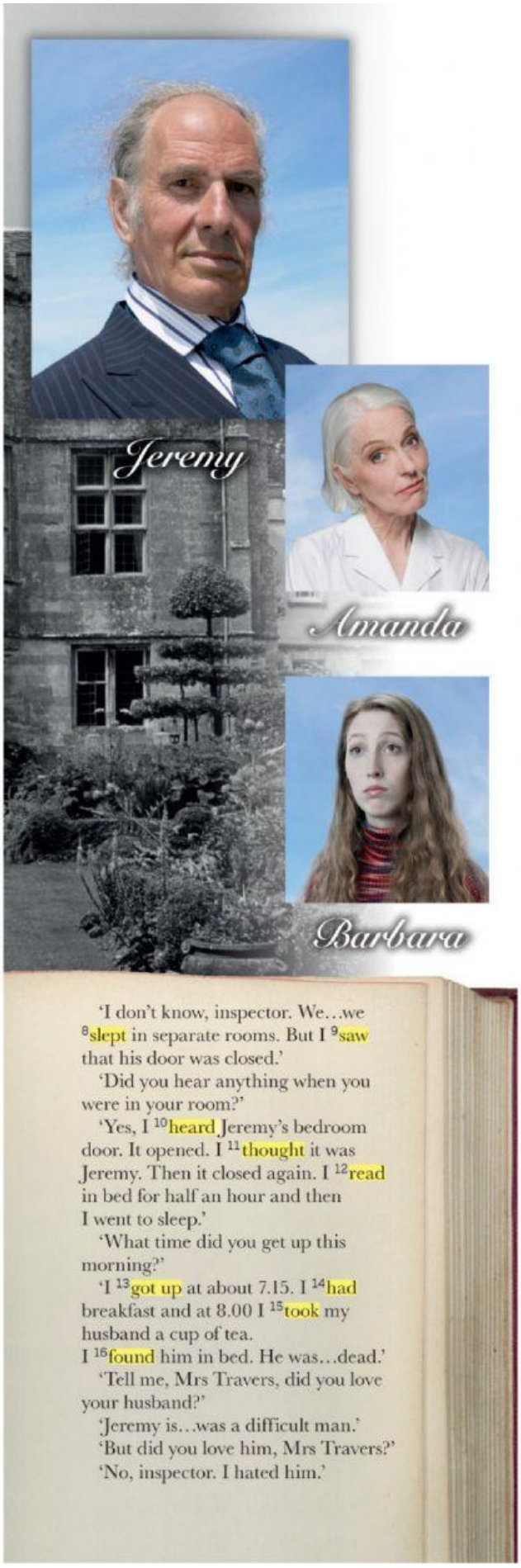

'I don't know, inspector. We…we [8]slept in separate rooms. But I [9]saw that his door was closed.'

'Did you hear anything when you were in your room?'

'Yes, I [10]heard Jeremy's bedroom door. It opened. I [11]thought it was Jeremy. Then it closed again. I [12]read in bed for half an hour and then I went to sleep.'

'What time did you get up this morning?'

'I [13]got up at about 7.15. I [14]had breakfast and at 8.00 I [15]took my husband a cup of tea. I [16]found him in bed. He was…dead.'

'Tell me, Mrs Travers, did you love your husband?'

'Jeremy is…was a difficult man.'

'But did you love him, Mrs Travers?'

'No, inspector. I hated him.'

3 LISTENING

a 4 6, 7, 8 Listen to the inspector question Barbara. Write the information in the chart. Listen again and check. Then do the same for Gordon and Claudia.

	Amanda	*Barbara*	*Gordon*	*Claudia*
What did they do after dinner?	*She went for a walk.*			
What time did they go to bed?	*11.45.*			
Did they hear anything?	*Jeremy's door opened and closed.*			
Possible motive?	*She hated him.*			

b Compare your chart with a partner. Who do you think was the murderer: Amanda, Barbara, Gordon, or Claudia? Why?

c 4 9 Now listen to what happened. Who was the murderer? Why did he / she kill Mr Travers? Were you right?

4 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

a Cover the story and look at these verbs. Are they regular or irregular in the past simple? Write the past simple form ⊞ and ⊟ for each verb.

come kill close speak sleep sit hate walk

⊞ *came* ⊟ *didn't come*

b 4 10 Listen and check.

c ➤ **p.138 Grammar Bank 8A.** Learn more about past simple regular and irregular verbs and practise them.

d ➤ **p.165 Irregular verbs** Tick (✓) the irregular verbs you know. Choose three new ones and learn them.

5 SPEAKING

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8A past simple: regular and irregular verbs

1 *be* 4 11

[+] I **was** born in Japan. They **were** late for class yesterday.
[-] She **wasn't** at home last night. You **weren't** very nice to her.
[?] **Were** you ill yesterday? When **was** he born?

2 regular verbs

[+] I really **liked** the present. She **wanted** to be a doctor.
[-] She **didn't enjoy** the concert. They **didn't arrive** until very late.
[?] **Did** you **watch** the match last night? When **did** you **finish** the book?

3 irregular verbs

[+] I **went** to Paris last summer. She **slept** on the sofa.
[-] He **didn't come** home last night. They **didn't hear** the music.
[?] **Did** you **speak** to your sister yesterday? Where **did** you **have** lunch?

1 The past of *be* is *was/were*. We add *not* to make negatives and invert the subject and verb to make questions.
2 Regular verbs add *-ed* or *-d* in the past simple [+], e.g. *like–liked, want–wanted*.
3 Irregular verbs change their form in the past simple [+], e.g. *go–went, see–saw*.

- Regular and irregular verbs (except *can*) use:
  – *didn't* + infinitive to make negatives, e.g. *I didn't like it. She didn't see him.*
  – *did* + subject + infinitive to make questions, e.g. *Did you want to come? Where did she go?*

can / could
The past of *can* is *could*. We add *not* to make negatives (*I couldn't find my glasses.*) and reverse the subject and verb to make questions (*Could you use your mobile on the mountain?*).

8B there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns

	Singular	Plural 4 16
[+]	**There's** a garage.	**There are** some pictures on the wall.
[-]	**There isn't** a swimming pool.	**There aren't** any plants in the room.
[?]	**Is there** a bathroom downstairs?	**Are there** any neighbours with children?
[✓]	Yes, **there is**.	Yes, **there are**.
[✗]	No, **there isn't**.	No, **there aren't**.

there is / there are

- We use *there is / there are* to say that somebody or something exists. We use *there is* + a singular noun and *there are* + plural nouns.
- *There is* is often contracted to *There's*. *There are* is not usually contracted.
- When we talk about a list of things we use *there is* if the first word in the list is singular or *there are* if the first word in the list is plural:
  In my bedroom ***there's a*** *bed, two chairs, and a desk.*
  In the living room ***there are*** *two armchairs and a sofa.*

a / an, some and *any*

- We often use *there is / there are* with *a / an, some*, and *any*.
- Use *some* and *any* with plural nouns. *Some* = not an exact number.
- Use *some* in [+] sentences and *any* in [-] and [?].

There is or It is?
Be careful. *There is* and *It is* are different.
There's *a key on the table.* ***It's*** *the key to the kitchen.*

8C there was / there were

	Singular	Plural 4 27
[+]	**There was** an old TV.	**There were** only three guests.
[-]	**There wasn't** a remote control.	**There weren't** any more people.
[?]	**Was there** a ghost?	**Were there** any windows?
[✓]	Yes, **there was**.	Yes, **there were**.
[✗]	No, **there wasn't**.	No, **there weren't**.

- *there was / were* is the past of *there is / are*.

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8A

a Complete the dialogue using the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

A Where *were* (be) you last night at 8.00?
B I [1]_____ (be) at home, Inspector. With my wife. We [2]_____ (be) at home all evening.
A What [3]_____ you _____ (do)?
B We [4]_____ (watch) TV and then we [5]_____ (have) a light dinner. We [6]_____ (not be) hungry. After that, we [7]_____ (go) to bed.
A What time [8]_____ you _____ (go) to bed?
B About 10 o'clock.
A [9]_____ you _____ (hear) a noise during the night?
B No, I [10]_____ (not hear) anything.

b Complete the text with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

Last night I *was* (be) asleep in my room when a strange noise [1]_____ (wake) me up. I [2]_____ (not want) to leave my room because I [3]_____ (feel) very scared. Then I [4]_____ (hear) the noise again, so I [5]_____ (decide) to go and investigate. When I [6]_____ (turn on) the light in the kitchen, a bird [7]_____ (fly) out of the window.
I [8]_____ (close) the window so that the bird [9]_____ (not can) come in again and then I [10]_____ (go) back to bed.

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8B

a Complete with [+] or [?] of *There's* or *There are*.

There's a dishwasher in the kitchen.
Are there any people in the room?

1 _____ any books on the shelf?
2 _____ a toilet downstairs?
3 _____ some stairs over there.
4 _____ a carpet on the floor.
5 _____ some pictures on the wall.
6 _____ a shower in the bathroom?
7 _____ some chairs in the garden.
8 _____ a lamp in the bedroom?
9 _____ a motorbike in the garage.
10 _____ any glasses in the cupboard?

b Write [+], [-], or [?] sentences with *there is / are + a / an, some* or *any*.

[+] trees / the garden *There are some trees in the garden.*
1 [+] table / the kitchen _____.
2 [?] fireplace / the living room _____?
3 [-] plants / your flat _____.
4 [?] people / the hall _____?
5 [+] pictures / your bedroom _____.
6 [-] TV / the kitchen _____.
7 [+] computer / the study _____.
8 [-] chairs / the dining room _____.
9 [?] mirror / the bathroom _____?
10 [-] car / the garage _____.

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8C

a Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *there was* or *there were*.

A How many guests *were there* in the hotel?
B [1]_____ _____ four including me. [2]_____ _____ a French tourist and [3]_____ _____ two businessmen.
A [4]_____ _____ a restaurant?
B No, [5]_____ _____, but [6]_____ _____ a bar.
A [7]_____ _____ a minibar in your room?
B Yes, [8]_____ _____ but [9]_____ _____ any drinks in it.
A How many beds [10]_____ _____?
B One. A double bed.

b Complete the sentences with *there was / were / wasn't / weren't + a / an*, or *some / any*.

There were some ghosts in the haunted castle I stayed in.

1 My sister didn't have a shower because _____ spider in the bath.
2 We couldn't watch the news because _____ TV in our room.
3 I couldn't sleep on the plane because _____ noisy children behind me.
4 They couldn't play tennis because _____ tennis balls.
5 She didn't have a coffee because _____ cups.
6 He took a photo because _____ beautiful view.
7 They couldn't park near the restaurant because _____ car park.
8 I couldn't work in the hotel because _____ computer.

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