

Funny crime stories

Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete the gaps with the **past simple** or **past perfect** form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The robbers who came back later

1. A group of robbers _____ a shop in Belgium. (**enter**)
2. The owner _____ them to come back later for more money. (**tell**)
3. Before they returned, the owner _____ the police. (**call**)
4. The officers _____ in the back room before the robbers came back. (**hide**)
5. When the robbers returned, the police _____ them. (**arrest**)

2. The burglar who checked Facebook

1. A man _____ into a house in the USA. (**break**)
2. After he left, the owner _____ something unusual on his computer. (**notice**)
3. The burglar _____ the computer to check Facebook before leaving. (**use**)
4. He _____ to log out of his account. (**forget**)
5. Later, the owner _____ the suspect nearby and called the police. (**see**)

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3. The burglar who got stuck

1. A man _____ to enter a business through a chimney. **(try)**
2. After he _____ into the chimney, he discovered that he could not get out. **(climb)**
3. He _____ the emergency services for help. **(call)**
4. By the time firefighters arrived, he _____ stuck in the chimney. **(get)**
5. The firefighters _____ him, and the police arrested him. **(rescue)**

4. The burglar who fell asleep

1. A woman _____ a stranger asleep on her sofa. **(find)**
2. Before falling asleep, he _____ some frozen potato snacks. **(apparently eat)**
3. The woman _____ the police. **(call)**
4. She _____ for help before the man woke up. **(already call)**
5. Officers _____ him as he was leaving the yard. **(catch)**

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5. The burglar who liked reading

1. A homeowner in Rome _____ a stranger reading in his flat. **(discover)**
2. The man _____ through a balcony before the homeowner found him.
(reportedly enter)
3. He _____ a book about Greek mythology before he started reading. **(pick up)**
4. When the homeowner discovered him, the suspected burglar _____ to escape. **(try)**
5. The police _____ him soon afterwards. **(arrest)**