

8A A murder story

1 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

- a Read this police report. Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs brackets.

POLICE REPORT

Bank robbery

We ¹ arrived (arrive) at the bank at 9.36 in the evening, and we ² _____ (park) our police car outside. The bank ³ _____ (be) closed and all the lights ⁴ _____ (be) off, but we ⁵ _____ (look) through the window. We ⁶ _____ (see) a person inside the bank. At first we ⁷ _____ (not can) see who it was, but then he ⁸ _____ (open) the door and came out – it was Steven Potter. He ⁹ _____ (not run) away – he just walked slowly to his car, and then drove away. The next morning, we ¹⁰ _____ (go) to his house at 8.00 a.m. We ¹¹ _____ (find) him in bed. He ¹² _____ (not want) to speak to us, but we ¹³ _____ (take) him to the police station.

- b Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



- INSPECTOR** Where ¹ were you at about 9.30 yesterday evening? (be)
- STEVEN POTTER** I was at the cinema. The film ² started at 9.00. (start)
- I** What film ³ _____ ? (see)
- SP** I can't remember. It wasn't very good.
- I** Hmm. Very interesting. And who ⁴ _____ to the cinema with? (go)
- SP** With my girlfriend.
- I** ⁵ _____ the film? (like)
- SP** Yes, she thought it was very good.
- I** What time ⁶ _____ the film _____ ? (finish)
- SP** At about 10.30.
- I** And what ⁷ _____ after you left the cinema? (do)
- SP** We went to a restaurant – La Dolce Vita on the High Street.
- I** La Dolce Vita? I know it. Very good spaghetti. What time ⁸ _____ the restaurant? (leave)
- SP** At about 12.00.
- I** That's very late. ⁹ _____ home after that? (go)
- SP** No, we went to a nightclub – Flanagan's. Then we went home.
- I** How? ¹⁰ _____ a taxi? (get)
- SP** No, we got a bus.
- I** And what time ¹¹ _____ to bed? (go)
- SP** At about 4.00 a.m. Can I go home now? I'm tired.
- I** No, I'd like to ask you some more questions...

2 VOCABULARY irregular verbs

- a Complete the infinitive and past forms of these irregular verbs with *a, e, i, o, or u*.

Infinitive	Past
1 beg <u>i</u> n	beg <u>a</u> n
2 c <u>e</u> me	c <u>e</u> me
3 dr <u>i</u> nk	dr <u>i</u> nk
4 dr <u>i</u> ve	dr <u>i</u> ve
5 g <u>e</u> ve	g <u>e</u> ve
6 kn <u>o</u> w	kn <u>o</u> w
7 p <u>a</u> t	p <u>a</u> t
8 s <u>e</u> t	s <u>e</u> t
9 sw <u>a</u> m	sw <u>a</u> m
10 w <u>a</u> ke [up]	w <u>a</u> ke [up]
11 w <u>a</u> n	w <u>a</u> n
12 wr <u>o</u> te	wr <u>o</u> te

- b Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

buy find break hear make take can lose meet think

- Last night we heard a noise downstairs.
- They found the man's daughter was the murderer.
- The policeman broke the money in an old bag.
- They met their friends outside the restaurant.
- I heard a detective story in the bookshop.
- My girlfriend lost her mobile phone last night.
- The man took a window and went into the house.
- Somebody bought my laptop when I was out of the room.
- We were worried because we couldn't see a police car outside our house.
- I was thirsty so I drank a cup of tea.

3 PRONUNCIATION past simple verbs

- a Match the verbs with the same vowel sound.

drove could made said learnt bought had lost

- came made
- left _____
- got _____
- ran _____
- saw _____
- spoke _____
- took _____
- heard _____

- b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.

4 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to a radio interview with a detective. What does he like most about his job?

- b **iChecker** Listen again and choose a, b, or c.

- Jeremy Downs decided he wanted to be a detective...
 - when he was a child.
 - when he left school.
 - when he finished university.
- His first job in the police was as...
 - an inspector.
 - a police officer.
 - a detective.
- Jeremy took the ... Exam to become a detective.
 - National Inspectors
 - National Detectives
 - National Investigators
- Jeremy usually works...
 - outside.
 - in an office.
 - at the police station.
- He sometimes feels...when he is at work.
 - bored
 - stressed
 - worried



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library /'laɪbrɪ/
 murder /'mɜːdə/
 nobody /'nɒbədi/
 secretary /'sekɹətri/
 believe /bɪ'li:v/
 kill /kɪl/
 marry /'mæri/
 business partner /'bɪznəs pɑːtnə/