

**A** Complete the sentences using the correct narrative tense.

Last night I saw Jean at the top of a ladder, climbing into the upstairs window of a house. She was using a ladder to get through the upstairs window because ...

- 1 she \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) her key.
- 2 she \_\_\_\_\_ (rob) the house.
- 3 she \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the downstairs floors all evening and they hadn't dried yet.
- 4 she \_\_\_\_\_ (use) the door all her life and she wanted a change.

**B** Complete the news story by putting the verbs in brackets in the correct narrative tense. In one case, more than one tense is possible.

## Missing child found safe and sound

A search for a missing child in East Paterson <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (end) happily last week after five-year-old Ricky Ross was found asleep in his own room. Last Monday, Julie Ross, the boy's mother, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the front garden when she <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) her son cry out. He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the living room but when she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to the house, she <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that the back door was open and there was no sign of her son. Neighbours <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (join) in the search and when they <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (search) in the forest behind the house, they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a few pieces of children's clothing. There was initial panic but it was soon clear that the clothing <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) there for years and didn't belong to the boy. Ricky was eventually found by another child who <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the boy's room while the search <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on because she <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise from the toy box. When she <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) it, there was Ricky safe and sound – he <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) in the toy box the whole time, unaware of the panic he had caused.