# Grammar in context 1

## Past simple

1 ☆ **Write the past simple form of the verbs. Numbers 4–8 are irregular.**

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| 1 hack | ..... | 5 write | ..... |
| 2 study | ..... | 6 drink | ..... |
| 3 travel | ..... | 7 eat | ..... |
| 4 go | ..... | 8 have | ..... |

2 ☆☆ **Complete the dialogue with the verbs in the past simple and short answers. Write one word in each gap.**

**Sam:** **(a)** ..... you ..... (see) the documentary on TV last night?
**Ella:** No, I **(b)** ..... I **(c)** ..... (have) a terrible night last night!
**Sam:** Really? What **(d)** ..... (happen)?
**Ella:** Someone **(e)** ..... (break) into our house!
**Sam:** Oh, no! **(f)** ..... they ..... (steal) anything?
**Ella:** Yes, they **(g)** ..... They **(h)** ..... (take) two expensive cameras and they also **(i)** ..... (steal) my dad's credit cards.

3 ☆☆ **Complete the text on the right with the past simple form of the verbs in the boxes.**

4 ☆☆☆ **Write questions for the underlined words.**

1 The men met <u>in a pub</u>.
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2 Their planning took <u>three years</u>.
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3 The men arrived <u>at 9.20 pm</u>.
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4 The really hard part of the job was <u>to penetrate a wall 50 cm thick</u>!
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5 They stole <u>about £200 million</u>.
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## Grammar challenge ☆☆☆

5 **Find and correct 10 mistakes in the text.**

Ronnie Biggs has become famous in 1963 for his part in the Great Train Robbery, when a gang of criminals steal 2.6 million pounds from a train. Biggs is not having a big part in the crime, but the police catches him and he goes to prison. Two years later he has escaped to Paris and has changed his appearance. In 1970 he is leaving France. Then, in Australia, he is working in a TV studio, but a reporter has recognised him.

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| 1 | ..... | 6 | ..... |
| 2 | ..... | 7 | ..... |
| 3 | ..... | 8 | ..... |
| 4 | ..... | 9 | ..... |
| 5 | ..... | 10 | ..... |

# THE £200 MILLION ROBBERY



be • finish • know • meet • not talk

For three years, a group of eight elderly men **(a)** ..... in a pub in north London every week. However, they **(b)** ..... about normal things like sport, their families or politics. Their conversation **(c)** ..... always about the same subject: how to steal money from an enormous safe under the ground in central London. Finally, after three years, their planning **(d)** ..... and they all **(e)** ..... what they had to do.

arrive • climb • come • have • need




At 9.20 pm on Thursday 2nd April 2015, they **(f)** ..... at the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Company. They **(g)** ..... four days to complete the job because Friday and Monday were holidays. First, they **(h)** ..... down the vertical tunnel used by the lift. Then they **(i)** ..... to the really hard part of the job. They **(j)** ..... to penetrate a wall 50 cm thick!

break • catch • not last • manage • record • take • try

In total, it **(k)** ..... them two days because their equipment **(l)** ..... the first time they **(m)** ..... to do it! Finally, they **(n)** ..... to steal about £200 million! However, their happiness **(o)** ..... long. The police **(p)** ..... them very quickly because CCTV cameras **(q)** ..... the whole robbery!

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