

3 It all went wrong

Past tenses • Word formation • Time expressions

STARTER Here are the past tense forms of some irregular verbs. Write the infinitives.

1 _____	were	4 _____	told	7 _____	took	10 _____	could
2 _____	saw	5 _____	said	8 _____	gave	11 _____	made
3 _____	went	6 _____	had	9 _____	got	12 _____	did

THE BURGLARS' FRIEND

Past Simple

1 T 3.1 Read and listen to the newspaper article. Why was Russell the burglars' friend?

The burglars' friend

IT was 3 o'clock in the morning when four-year-old Russell Brown woke up to go to the toilet.

His parents were fast asleep in bed. But when he heard a noise in the living room and saw a light was on, he went downstairs.

There he found two men. They asked him his name, and told him they were friends of the family.

Unfortunately, Russell believed them. They asked him where the video recorder

His parents were fast asleep in bed

was. Russell showed them, and said they had a stereo and CD player, too.

The two men carried these to the kitchen. Russell also told them that his mother kept her purse in a drawer in the kitchen, so they took that. Russell even gave them his pocket money – 50p.

They finally left at 4 a.m. They said, 'Will you open the back door while we take these things to the car, because we don't want to wake Mummy and Daddy, do we?' So Russell held the door open for them. He then went back to bed.

His parents didn't know about the burglary until they got up the next day. His father said, 'I couldn't be angry with Russell because he thought he was doing the right thing.'

Fortunately, the police caught the two burglars last week.

2 Write the past forms of these irregular verbs from the article.

wake	_____	leave	_____
hear	_____	hold	_____
find	_____	think	_____
keep	_____	catch	_____

3 Write the questions to these answers.

1 Because he wanted to go to the toilet.
Why did he wake up?
2 They were in bed.
3 Because he heard a noise and saw a light on.
4 Two.
5 They told him they were friends of the family.
6 In a drawer in the kitchen.
7 50p.
8 At 4 a.m.
9 The next day. *(When … find out about … ?)*
10 Last week.

LIVEWORKSHEETS