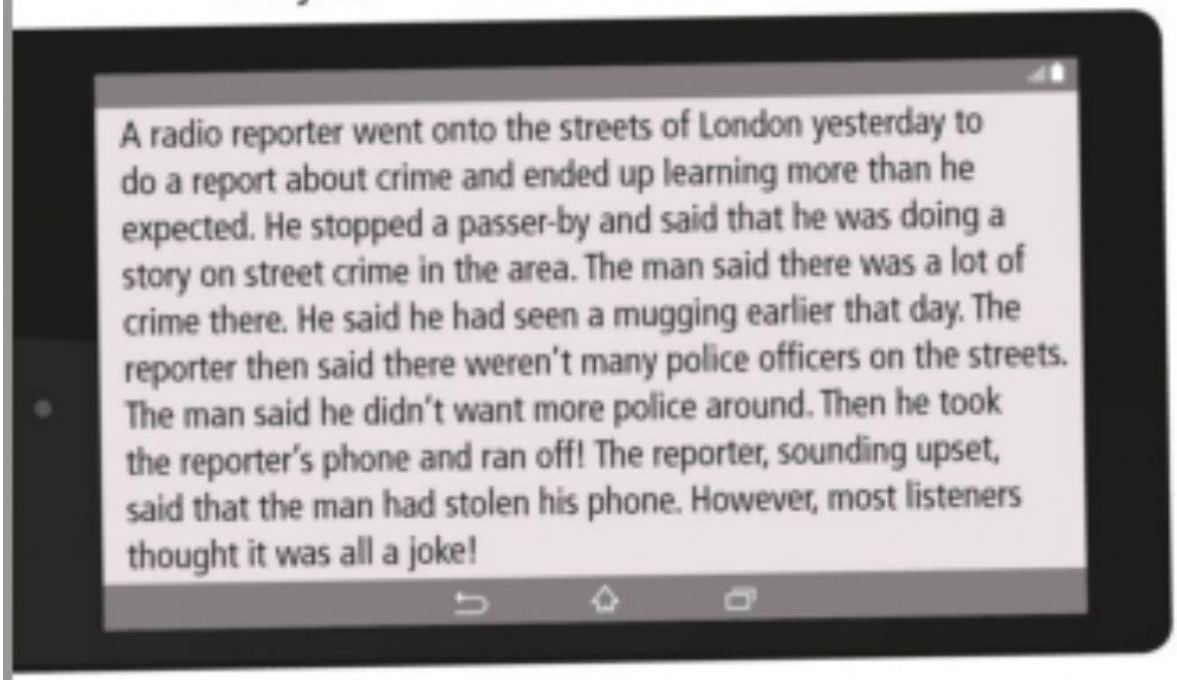
2 Read the text. Why did most listeners think that the crime was a joke?



A radio reporter went onto the streets of London yesterday to do a report about crime and ended up learning more than he expected. He stopped a passer-by and said that he was doing a story on street crime in the area. The man said there was a lot of crime there. He said he had seen a mugging earlier that day. The reporter then said there weren't many police officers on the streets. The man said he didn't want more police around. Then he took the reporter's phone and ran off! The reporter, sounding upset, said that the man had stolen his phone. However, most listeners thought it was all a joke!

3 2.41 Listen to the dialogue. Complete the words the reporter and the man actually say. Then find the parts of the text in exercise 2 where they are reported.

Reporter Hello. I [1]_____ (do) a report on street crime in the area.
Man There [2]_____ (be) a lot of crime here. I [3]_____ (see) a mugging earlier today.
Reporter But there [4]_____ (not be) many police officers on the streets.
Man I [5]_____ (not want) more police around.
Reporter Hey! He [6]_____ (steal) my phone!

4 Compare the dialogue in exercise 3 with the reported speech in the text in exercise 2. Complete rule a in the Learn this! box with the correct tenses.

LEARN THIS! Reported speech

a When you change direct speech to reported speech, the tense of the verbs usually changes.

Direct speech		Reported speech
present simple	→	[1]
present continuous	→	[2]
past simple	→	[3]

b We can use *that* to introduce reported speech but we often omit it. She said (that) she was feeling upset.