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## A murder mystery

Elementary, my dear Watson.  
Attributed to *Sherlock Holmes*  
(but he never said it)

**G** past simple: regular and irregular   **V** irregular verbs   **P** past simple verbs

## 1 PRONUNCIATION past simple verbs

a Match the verbs with the same vowel sound.

bought could drove had learned lost made said

1 came	<u>made</u>
2 left	
3 got	
4 ran	
5 saw	
6 spoke	
7 took	
8 heard	

**b** 8.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

## 2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

a Complete the chart.

b Read this police report. Are the **bold** phrases right (✓) or wrong (✗). Correct the wrong phrases.

# POLICE REPORT

## Bank robbery

On the evening of 1st March, <sup>1</sup>we arrived at the bank at 9.36 p.m. and <sup>2</sup>we park the police car outside. The bank was closed and <sup>3</sup>all the lights was off. When we looked through the window, <sup>4</sup>we saw a man inside the bank. At first <sup>5</sup>we didn't can see who it was, but then he opened the door. <sup>6</sup>It is Steven Potter. <sup>7</sup>He didn't run to his car, he walked, and then he drove away. The next day, <sup>8</sup>we go to his house at 6.00 a.m. We found him in bed. <sup>9</sup>He didn't wanted to speak to us, so <sup>10</sup>we took him to the police station for questioning.

1 ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

2 ✗ we parked the police car outside \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

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9 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_



c Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

**INSPECTOR** Where <sup>1</sup>were you at about 9.30 yesterday evening? (be)

**STEVEN POTTER** I was at the cinema. The film <sup>2</sup>started at 9.00. (start)

I What film <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_? (see)

**SP** I can't remember. It wasn't very good.

I Hmm. Very interesting. And who <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema with? (go)

**SP** With my girlfriend.

I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the film? (like)

**SP** Yes, she thought it was very good.

I What time <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the film <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_? (finish)

**SP** At about 10.30.

I And what <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ after you left the cinema? (do)

**SP** We went to a restaurant – Mamma Mia on the High Street.

I Mamma Mia? I know it. Very good spaghetti. What time <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant? (leave)

**SP** At about 12.00.

I That's very late. <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ home after that? (go)

**SP** No, we went to a nightclub – Flanagan's. Then we went home.

I How? <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a taxi? (get)

**SP** No, we got a bus.

I And what time <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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...

b Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs from the list.

break buy can find hear  
lose make meet take think

1 Last night we heard a noise downstairs.

2 They met their friends outside the restaurant.

3 The police found the man's daughter was the murderer.

4 The policeman put the money in an old bag.

5 I read a detective story in the bookshop.

6 My girlfriend lost her mobile phone last night.

7 The man broke a window and went into the house.

8 Somebody threw my laptop when I was out of the room.

9 I was thirsty so I drank a cup of tea.

10 We were worried because we saw a police car outside our house.

c Complete the story with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



Rob Jones <sup>1</sup>worked (work) at a post office. Every day he

<sup>2</sup> (drive) from the post office to the bank

with a bag full of money. Two men on motorbikes

<sup>3</sup> (know) about Rob. They <sup>4</sup>

(want) the money from the post office. The two men

<sup>5</sup> (watch) Rob for a week. Then, on Friday

morning, they <sup>6</sup> (wait) for him on their

motorbikes. When they <sup>7</sup> (see) Rob's car, they

<sup>8</sup> (follow) him. Rob <sup>9</sup> (be)

frightened, so he <sup>10</sup> (stop) the car. The men

<sup>11</sup> (open) the door and they <sup>12</sup>

(take) the bag next to Rob. Then they <sup>13</sup> (leave)

on their motorbikes. The two men

<sup>14</sup> (have) a big surprise

when they <sup>15</sup> (look) inside

the bag at home. It <sup>16</sup> (not be) full of money; it <sup>17</sup> (be)

a first aid kit!

### 3 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>o</u> me	c <u>o</u> me
3 dr <u>u</u> nk	dr <u>u</u> nk
4 dr <u>u</u> ve	dr <u>u</u> ve
5 g <u>ave</u>	g <u>ave</u>
6 kn <u>u</u> w	kn <u>u</u> w
7 p <u>u</u> t	p <u>u</u> t
8 s <u>u</u> t	s <u>u</u> t
9 sw <u>u</u> m	sw <u>u</u> m
10 w <u>u</u> ke (up)	w <u>u</u> ke (up)
11 w <u>u</u> n	w <u>u</u> n
12 wr <u>u</u> te	wr <u>u</u> te

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