

# 8A A murder story

## 1 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

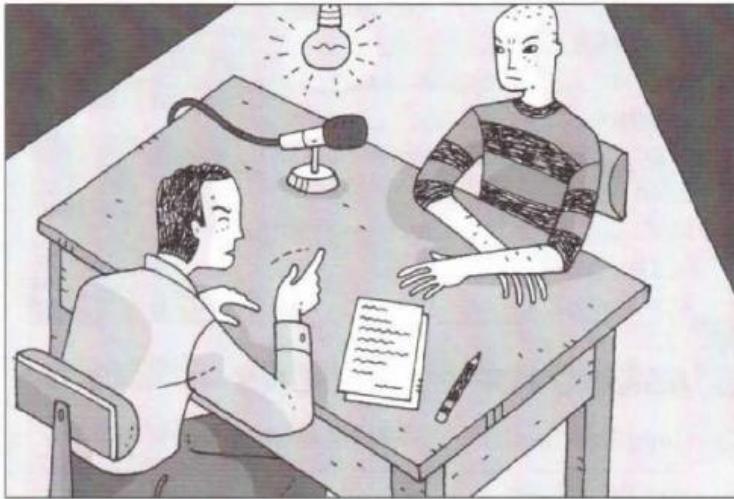
a Read this police report. Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

### POLICE REPORT

#### Bank robbery

We <sup>1</sup> arrived (arrive) at the bank at 9.36 in the evening, and we <sup>2</sup> parked (park) our police car outside. The bank <sup>3</sup> was (be) closed and all the lights <sup>4</sup> were off (be) off, but we <sup>5</sup> looked (look) through the window. We <sup>6</sup> saw (see) a person inside the bank. At first we <sup>7</sup> couldn't (not can) see who it was, but then he <sup>8</sup> opened (open) the door and came out – it was Steven Potter. He <sup>9</sup> didn't run (not run) away – he just walked slowly to his car, and then drove away. The next morning, we <sup>10</sup> went (go) to his house at 6.00 a.m. We <sup>11</sup> found (find) him in bed. He <sup>12</sup> didn't want (not want) to speak to us, but we <sup>13</sup> took (take) him to the police station.

b 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 <sup>3</sup> What film ? (see)

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

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

**SP** With my girlfriend.

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

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

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

**SP** At about 10.30.

I <sup>7</sup> And what <sup>7</sup> after you left the cinema? (do)

**SP** We went to a restaurant – La Dolce Vita on the High Street.

I <sup>8</sup> La Dolce Vita? I know it. Very good spaghetti. What time <sup>8</sup> the restaurant? (leave)

**SP** At about 12.00.

I <sup>9</sup> That's very late. 9 home after that? (go)

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

I <sup>10</sup> How? <sup>10</sup> a taxi? (get)

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

I <sup>11</sup> And what time <sup>11</sup> to bed? (go)

**SP** At about 4.00 a.m. Can I go home now? I'm tired.

I <sup>12</sup> No, I'd like to ask you some more questions...

## 2 VOCABULARY irregular verbs

a Complete the infinitive and past forms of these irregular verbs with *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, or *u*.

Infinitive	Past
1 begin	beg <u>a</u> n
2 come	c <u>e</u> me
3 drink	dr <u>u</u> nk
4 drive	dr <u>u</u> ve
5 give	g <u>e</u> ve
6 know	kn <u>o</u> w
7 put	p <u>u</u> t
8 sit	s <u>i</u> t
9 swim	sw <u>i</u> m
10 wake [up]	w <u>e</u> ke [up]
11 win	w <u>u</u> n
12 write	w <u>ri</u> te

b Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

buy find break hear make take can lose meet think

- 1 Last night we heard a noise downstairs.
- 2 They found the man's daughter was the murderer.
- 3 The policeman took the money in an old bag.
- 4 They broke their friends outside the restaurant.
- 5 I read a detective story in the bookshop.
- 6 My girlfriend lost her mobile phone last night.
- 7 The man went a window and went into the house.
- 8 Somebody stole my laptop when I was out of the room.
- 9 We were worried because we saw a police car outside our house.
- 10 I was thirsty so I had a cup of tea.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION past simple verbs

a Match the verbs with the same vowel sound.

drove could made said learnt bought had lost

- 1 came made
- 2 left had
- 3 got lost
- 4 ran said
- 5 saw bought
- 6 spoke could
- 7 took learnt
- 8 heard drove

b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.

## 4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio interview with a detective. What does he like most about his job?

b **iChecker** Listen again and choose a, b, or c.

- 1 Jeremy Downs decided he wanted to be a detective...
  - when he was a child.
  - when he left school.
  - when he finished university.
- 2 His first job in the police was as...
  - an inspector.
  - a police officer.
  - a detective.
- 3 Jeremy took the ... Exam to become a detective.
  - National Inspectors
  - National Detectives
  - National Investigators
- 4 Jeremy usually works...
  - outside.
  - in an office.
  - at the police station.
- 5 He sometimes feels...when he is at work.
  - bored
  - stressed
  - worried

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

library /laibrɪ/  
 murder /mɜːdə/  
 nobody /nəʊbədɪ/  
 secretary /sekrətrɪ/  
 believe /bɪ'lɪv/  
 kill /kɪl/  
 marry /'mæri/  
 business partner /'bɪznəs pa:tner/

