

Bank Robbery

Putting the story in order

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Comprehension tasks

1 Questions

1. How much money was taken?
2. What was taken besides cash?
3. What happened to the customers in the bank?
4. When did the police arrive?
5. What progress have the police made?

2 Retell the story

Use the following key words and phrases to retell the story.

lie on the floor

arrests

shots

robbers

sealed off

valuables

bank

confident

cash

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Grammar gap-fill

Armed robbers (1) _____ (escape) with an unknown quantity of cash in a daylight raid on a bank in Central District, Hong Kong.

It (2) _____ (think) that at least ten million Hong Kong dollars (US\$ 1.3 million) in cash and other valuables (3) _____ (take) but the bank (4) _____ (not / yet / reveal) how much.

A large area of Central District (5) _____ (seal off) bringing traffic to a standstill. However, all of the thieves (6) _____ (manage) to escape. One customer told reporters, 'We (7) _____ (tell) to lie on the floor and that if anyone moved they (8) _____ (shoot).'

Police (9) _____ (arrive) within minutes after shots (10) _____ (hear) coming from inside the bank and a member of the public (11) _____ (dial) 999.

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