

## Reading

- 9** Read the beginning (a) and ending (b) of a story, and put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past continuous, then answer the questions.
- a** It **1)** ..... **(be)** a dull Sunday morning and a cold wind **2)** ..... **(blow)** down the empty High Street. Tom Ridley **3)** ..... **(walk)** to the newsagent's to buy his Sunday paper when he **4)** ..... **(hear)** a strange noise. Tom **5)** ..... **(stop)** and **6)** ..... **(look)** up and down the street, then he **7)** ..... **(realise)** that the noise **8)** ..... **(come)** from behind the heavy iron door of the museum.
- b** After the police **9)** ..... **(arrest)** the robbers, the owner of the museum **10)** ..... **(turn)** towards Tom. "Please accept this with my thanks," she **11)** ..... **(say)**, and **12)** ..... **(hand)** Tom a cheque for £500. Tom **13)** ..... **(look)** at the cheque and **14)** ..... **(smile)** happily. "You're very, very welcome," he **15)** ..... **(reply)**.