

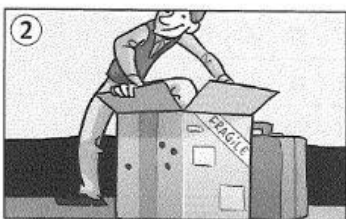
**3** Complete the story with the verbs in the box. Use the past simple.

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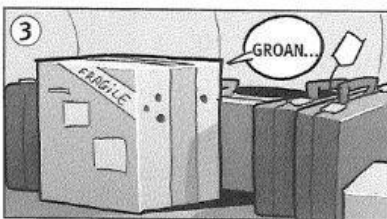
## A postman flies home



Sam McKinley, 23, is a postman. He's from Houston, Texas, but he works in Washington. One Friday afternoon he <sup>1</sup> was at work. He wasn't very happy, and he wanted to go home to Houston for the weekend and see his parents.



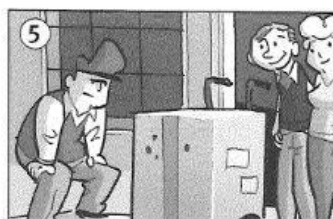
Plane tickets from Washington to Houston are very expensive, so he <sup>2</sup> decided to get into a big box and post himself to Houston by airmail. It was the cheapest way to fly!



Later that day, he was on the plane to Houston. He was in a box for fifteen hours with no food or water. Nobody <sup>3</sup> noticed him in the box.



The next day, the box <sup>4</sup> arrived in Houston. Dwayne Jefferson, a postman in Houston, carried the large box in his van to Mr and Mrs McKinley's house.



When he arrived at their house, he suddenly noticed two eyes in the box.



He decided there was a dead person inside, so he <sup>5</sup> called the police. A few minutes later Sam opened the box and <sup>6</sup> shouted, 'Surprise!'



After that, the police arrived. They <sup>7</sup> asked Sam lots of questions. In the end Sam stayed in prison for the rest of the weekend.

**4** Read the story again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Sam works in Houston. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Sam's parents live in Washington. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Sam posted himself to Houston. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 He couldn't eat or drink on the plane. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Sam arrived in Houston two days later. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Sam's parents phoned the police. \_\_\_\_\_