

# 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 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> \_\_\_\_\_ (park) our police car outside. The bank <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) closed and all the lights <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) off, but we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) through the window. We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a person inside the bank. At first we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not can) see who it was, but then he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door and came out – it was Steven Potter. He <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not run) away – he just walked slowly to his car, and then drove away. The next morning, we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to his house at 6.00 a.m. We <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) him in bed. He <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to speak to us, but we <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 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 \_\_\_\_\_? (finish)
- SP** At about 10.30.
- I 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 La Dolce Vita? I know it. Very good spaghetti. What time <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant? (leave)
- SP** At about 12.00.
- I That's very late. <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home after that? (go)
- SP** No, we went to a nightclub – Flanagan's. Then we went home.
- I How? <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi? (get)
- SP** No, we got a bus.
- I 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 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 beg <u>i</u> n	beg <u>a</u> n
2 c <u>o</u> me	c <u>o</u> me
3 dr <u>o</u> nk	dr <u>o</u> nk
4 dr <u>o</u> ve	dr <u>o</u> ve
5 g <u>o</u> ve	g <u>o</u> ve
6 kn <u>o</u> w	kn <u>o</u> w
7 p <u>o</u> t	p <u>o</u> t
8 s <u>o</u> t	s <u>o</u> t
9 sw <u>o</u> m	sw <u>o</u> m
10 w <u>o</u> ke [up]	w <u>o</u> ke [up]
11 w <u>o</u> n	w <u>o</u> n
12 wr <u>o</u> te	wr <u>o</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

- Last night we *heard* a noise downstairs.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ the man's daughter was the murderer.
- The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ the money in an old bag.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ their friends outside the restaurant.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a detective story in the bookshop.
- My girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ her mobile phone last night.
- The man \_\_\_\_\_ a window and went into the house.
- Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ my laptop when I was out of the room.
- We were worried because we \_\_\_\_\_ see a police car outside our house.
- I was thirsty so I \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- came made
- left \_\_\_\_\_
- got \_\_\_\_\_
- ran \_\_\_\_\_
- saw \_\_\_\_\_
- spoke \_\_\_\_\_
- took \_\_\_\_\_
- heard \_\_\_\_\_

- 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.

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



### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- library /'laɪbrɪ/  
murder /'mɜːdə/  
nobody /'nɒbɒdi/  
secretary /'sekɹətəri/  
believe /bɪ'li:v/  
kill /kɪl/  
marry /'mæri/  
business partner /'bɪznəs pɑːtnə/