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

POLICE REPORT

Bank robbery

We __arrived__(arrive) at the bank at 9.36 in the evening, and we _____ (park) our police car outside. The bank _____ (be) closed and all the lights _____(be) off, but we _____ (look) through the window. We _____ (see) a person inside the bank. At first we _____ (not can) see who it was, but then he _____ (open) the door and came out - it was Steven Potter. He _____ (not run) away - he just walked slowly to his car, and then drove away. The next morning, we _____ (go) to his house at 6.00 a.m. We _____ (find) him in bed. He _____(not want) to speak to us, but we _____ (take) him to the police station.

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b Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

INSPECTOR Where **were** you at about 9.30 yesterday evening? (be)

STEVEN POTTER I was at the cinema. The film **started** at 9.00. (start)

I What film _____ ? (see)

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

I Hmm. Very interesting. And who _____ to the cinema with? (go)

SP With my girlfriend.

I _____ the film? (like)

SP Yes, she thought it was very good.

I What time _____ the film _____ ? (finish)

SP At about 10.30.

I And what _____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 _____ the restaurant? (leave)

SP At about 12.00.

I That's very late. _____ home after that? (go)

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

I How? _____ a taxi? (get)

SP No, we got a bus.

I And what time _____ 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 …

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c. Complete the past forms of these irregular verbs

Infinitive	Past
begin	.....
come	.....
drink	.....
drive	.....
give	.....
know	.....
put	.....
sit	.....
swim	.....
wake up	.....
win	.....
write	.....

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d. 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 _____ the man's daughter was the murderer.

3 The policeman _____ the money in an old bag.

4 They _____ their friends outside the restaurant.

5 I _____ a detective story in the bookshop.

6 My girlfriend _____ her mobile phone last night.

7 The man _____ a window and went into the house.

8 Somebody _____ my laptop when I was out of the room.

9 We were worried because we _____ see a police car outside our house.

10 I was thirsty so I _____ a cup of tea.

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e. Match the verbs with the same vowel sound.

drove could made said learnt bought had lost

1 came _____

2 left _____

3 got _____

4 ran _____

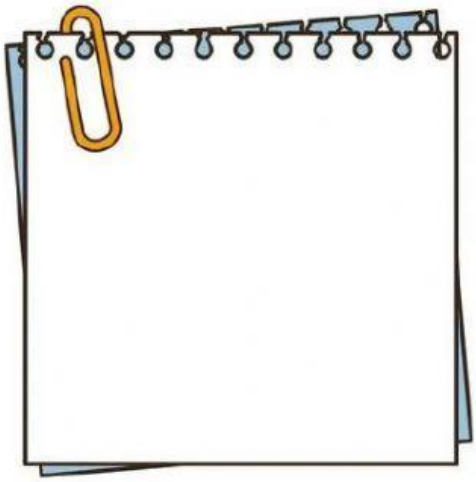
5 saw _____

6 spoke _____

7 took _____

8 heard _____

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



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g. Listen again and choose a, b, or c.

1 Jeremy Downs decided he wanted to be a detective ...

a when he was a child.

b when he left school.

c when he finished university.

2 His first job in the police was as...

a an inspector.

b a police officer.

c a detective.

3 Jeremy took the ... Exam to become a detective.

a National Inspectors

b National Detectives

c National Investigators

4 Jeremy usually works ...

a outside.

b in an office.

c at the police station.

5 He sometimes feels ... when he is at work.

a bored

b stressed

c worried

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