

A Complete the sentences using the correct narrative tense.



Last night I saw Jean at the top of a ladder, climbing into the upstairs window of a house. She was using a ladder to get through the upstairs window because ...

- 1 she _____ (forget) her key.
- 2 she _____ (rob) the house.
- 3 she _____ (paint) the downstairs floors all evening and they hadn't dried yet.
- 4 she _____ (use) the door all her life and she wanted a change.

B Complete the news story by putting the verbs in brackets in the correct narrative tense. In one case, more than one tense is possible.

Missing child found safe and sound

A search for a missing child in East Paterson ¹ _____ (end) happily last week after five-year-old Ricky Ross was found asleep in his own room. Last Monday, Julie Ross, the boy's mother, ² _____ (work) in the front garden when she ³ _____ (hear) her son cry out. He ⁴ _____ (play) in the living room but when she ⁵ _____ (run) to the house, she ⁶ _____ (see) that the back door was open and there was no sign of her son.

Neighbours ⁷ _____ (join) in the search and when they ⁸ _____ (search) in the forest behind the house, they ⁹ _____ (find) a few pieces of children's clothing. There was initial panic but it was soon clear that the clothing ¹⁰ _____ (be) there for years and didn't belong to the boy. Ricky was eventually found by another child who ¹¹ _____ (go) into the boy's room while the search ¹² _____ (go) on because she ¹³ _____ (hear) a noise from the toy box. When she ¹⁴ _____ (open) it, there was Ricky safe and sound – he ¹⁵ _____ (sleep) in the toy box the whole time, unaware of the panic he had caused.