

Reporting crimes

1) Match the parts of the sentences.

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| 1 Did you read | ☐ | a be true. |
| 2 What | ☐ | b a silly man! |
| 3 How | ☐ | c it horrible? |
| 4 Isn't | ☐ | d quite shocking. |
| 5 I find it | ☐ | e strange! |
| 6 It can't | ☐ | f the article about the kidnapping? |

2) Complete each dialogue. Use no more than four words in each gap.

- 1 X _____ the story about the train robbery?
Y No, I haven't. Where did you hear it?
- 2 X: Why is everyone so excited?
Y Some hackers messed up our school's website.
X They did what? Go _____ me what happened.
- 3 X Is everything OK?
Y No. Someone is posting my pictures with nasty comments on our class forum.
Y You _____ joking! What are you going to do?
- 4 X My sister came home last night and found a burglar in her living room.
Y So what did she do?
X Well, you _____ it! She calmly took pictures of him, left and called 112.

Read the three stories (A-C) and the questions (1-4). For each question, choose the right story and write the appropriate letter in the box. One story matches two questions.

	Which story is about:	
1	thieves frightened by an animal?	
2	a person who reports their mistake?	
3	an accident-prone thief?	
4	thieves who left without taking anything with them?	

A

Thieves don't usually hang around the scene of the crime, but one Dutch burglar simply had no choice. He had been trying to escape over the roof of a house he had just burgled when he slipped in the dark, fell down the chimney and got stuck. The owners of the house were at home during the theft. After hearing the burglar call for help, they actually helped him out! Once the burglar managed to climb out of the chimney, however, the police were waiting for him. The owners got their money and jewellery back and the burglar's plan went up in smoke!

C

Little Paco had been enjoying an afternoon nap in his owner's shop in South California, when suddenly two robbers came in and yelled at the shop assistant "Give us the money. Hurry up!" Without delay, Paco began growling and leaped at the robbers' legs. The two thieves ran off empty-handed, with Paco still chasing them. The security cameras had caught the event and the police were able to arrest the thieves. The shop's owner, who hadn't been at the shop that day, is very proud of his Chihuahua. It seems when it comes to fighting crime, Paco certainly is top dog!

B

An elderly Florida lady, who had been out shopping, got a shock when she found four men trying to steal her car. The lady started screaming, "I have a gun! Get out of the car!" The men didn't wait to be told twice – they got out and ran as fast as they could. The lady put her shopping into the car and got into the driver's seat. However, she found she couldn't get her key into the ignition. She had been trying to make the key fit for several minutes when she realised why it wouldn't – she had been trying to start a car that wasn't hers! The lady found her own car parked just a few metres away and drove to the police station. When she told the police officer her story, he couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter where four frightened men were reporting a car theft by a short, white-haired lady. Luckily for the lady, the men didn't press charges against her!

Match the underlined formal sentences with their synonymous informal ones:

Not really.

I think he was about 18 years old.

What did you see?

I tried to help.

Did you see the driver?

If you think of something else call me.

A: So, Mr Smith. You were on Wentworth Street at 8 pm on Wednesday.

Can you tell me what you saw?

B: I had just come out of a pizzeria when I saw a yellow sports car come out of a turning. Seconds later, it went through a red light and almost crashed into a white van going the other way. The van braked, but it hit another car. The sports car just kept going.

A: Did you get a look at the driver?

B: I couldn't see that well, but he seemed to be in his late teens.

A: Did you get the registration number of the car?

B: Unfortunately, no – it all happened so fast.

A: What did you do?

B: I ran over to see if I could help. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, but I called an ambulance and the police.

A: Thank you for your time. Please tell us if you remember anything else.

B: You're welcome, Officer. I will.