

# 8A A murder story

## I. GRAMMAR

1. Read this police report. Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in 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> parked (park) our police car outside. The bank <sup>3</sup> was (be) closed and all the lights <sup>4</sup> were (be) off, but we <sup>5</sup> looked (look) through the

window. We <sup>6</sup> saw (see) a person inside the bank. At first we <sup>7</sup> couldn't (not can) see who it was, but then he <sup>8</sup> opened (open) the door and came out – it was Steven Potter. He <sup>9</sup> didn't run (not run) away – he just walked slowly to his car, and then drove away. The next morning, we <sup>10</sup> went (go) to his house at 6.00 a.m. We <sup>11</sup> found (find) him in bed. He <sup>12</sup> didn't want (not want) to speak to us, but we <sup>13</sup> took (take) him to the police station.

## 2. 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...

## II. VOCABULARY

1. 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>u</u> nk	dr <u>u</u> nk
4 dr <u>u</u> ve	dr <u>u</u> ve
5 g <u>e</u> ve	g <u>e</u> ve
6 kn <u>u</u> w	kn <u>u</u> w
7 p <u>u</u> t	p <u>u</u> t
8 s <u>u</u> t	s <u>u</u> t
9 sw <u>u</u> m	sw <u>u</u> m
10 w <u>u</u> ke [up]	w <u>u</u> ke [up]
11 w <u>u</u> n	w <u>u</u> n
12 wr <u>u</u> te	wr <u>u</u> te

3. 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.

### III. PRONUNCIATION

Match the verbs with the same vowel sound

drove could made said learnt bought had lost

1 came	<u>made</u>	5 saw	<u>                  </u>
2 left	<u>                  </u>	6 spoke	<u>                  </u>
3 got	<u>                  </u>	7 took	<u>                  </u>
4 ran	<u>                  </u>	8 heard	<u>                  </u>