

8A A murder story

I. GRAMMAR

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

POLICE REPORT

Bank robbery

We ¹ arrived (arrive) at the bank at 9.36 in the evening, and we ² _____ (park) our police car outside. The bank ³ _____ (be) closed and all the lights ⁴ _____ (be) off, but we ⁵ _____ (look) through the

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

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



INSPECTOR Where ¹ were you at about 9.30 yesterday evening? (be)

STEVEN POTTER I was at the cinema. The film ² started at 9.00. (start)

I What film ³ _____? (see)

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

I Hmm. Very interesting. And who ⁴ _____ to the cinema with? (go)

SP With my girlfriend.

I ⁵ _____ the film? (like)

SP Yes, she thought it was very good.

I What time ⁶ _____ the film _____? (finish)

SP At about 10.30.

I And what ⁷ _____ 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 ⁸ _____ the restaurant? (leave)

SP At about 12.00.

I That's very late. ⁹ _____ home after that? (go)

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

I How? ¹⁰ _____ a taxi? (get)

SP No, we got a bus.

I And what time ¹¹ _____ 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 <i>i</i> n	beg <i>a</i> n
2 c <i>u</i> me	c <i>a</i> me
3 dr <i>a</i> nk	dr <i>a</i> nk
4 dr <i>a</i> ve	dr <i>a</i> ve
5 g <i>a</i> ve	g <i>a</i> ve
6 kn <i>a</i> w	kn <i>a</i> w
7 p <i>a</i> t	p <i>a</i> t
8 s <i>a</i> t	s <i>a</i> t
9 sw <i>a</i> m	sw <i>a</i> m
10 w <i>a</i> ke [up]	w <i>a</i> ke [up]
11 w <i>a</i> n	w <i>a</i> n
12 wr <i>a</i> te	wr <i>a</i> 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

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