

**4 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs given.**

In 2013, in New York, there (a) .....  
(be) a terrible crime. Somebody  
(b) ..... (mug) a 16-year-old boy  
in the street and (c) ..... (steal) his  
smartphone. Then he (d) ..... (run)  
away. The boy (e) ..... (not know)  
the criminal but, soon after the mugging, he  
(f) ..... (get) a surprise. The mugger  
(g) ..... (not be) very clever. He  
(h) ..... (take) a photo of himself on  
the phone and accidentally (i) .....  
(email) it to the boy! The boy (j) .....  
(print) the photo and (k) ..... (go)  
to the police. The police (l) .....  
(find) the criminal easily and (m) .....  
(arrest) him. He (n) ..... (have) other  
stolen things at home, too, so the police  
(o) ..... (be) happy to catch him.

**5 Complete these questions about the text in 4 with the past simple form of the verbs given.**

- 1 Who ..... a criminal .....  
(mug) in 2013 in New York?
- 2 What ..... the criminal  
..... (steal)?
- 3 ..... the boy ..... (know)  
the criminal?
- 4 ..... (be) the criminal clever?
- 5 What ..... the criminal  
..... (do)?
- 6 ..... the photo ..... (help)  
the police?
- 7 ..... (be) it difficult to find the  
criminal?
- 8 How ..... this story .....  
(end)?