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)?

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