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A murder mystery

Elementary, my dear Watson.
Attributed to Sherlock Holmes
(but he never said it)

G past simple: regular and irregular **V** irregular verbs **P** past simple verbs

1 PRONUNCIATION past simple verbs

a Match the verbs with the same vowel sound.

bought could drove had learned lost made said

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

b 8.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

a Complete the chart.

Present	Past
They're early.	¹ <u>They were early.</u>
I'm not thirsty.	² <input type="text"/> thirsty.
³ <input type="text"/> ill?	Was he ill?
I can hear it.	⁴ <input type="text"/> hear it.
⁵ <input type="text"/> find it.	He couldn't find it.
Can you see them?	⁶ <input type="text"/> see them?
⁷ <input type="text"/> a lot.	She studied a lot.
We don't like it.	⁸ <input type="text"/> it.
⁹ <input type="text"/> late?	Did it finish late?
He speaks French.	¹⁰ <input type="text"/> French.
¹¹ <input type="text"/> a car.	She didn't have a car.
Do you feel tired?	¹² <input type="text"/> tired?

b Read this police report. Are the **bold** phrases right (✓) or wrong (✗). Correct the wrong phrases.

POLICE REPORT

Bank robbery

On the evening of 1st March, ¹ **we arrived at the bank** at 9.36 p.m. and ² **we park the police car outside**. The bank was closed and ³ **all the lights was off**. When we looked through the window, ⁴ **we saw a man** inside the bank. At first ⁵ **we didn't can see who it was**, but then he opened the door. ⁶ **It is Steven Potter.** ⁷ **He didn't run to his car**, he walked, and then he drove away.

The next day, ⁸ **we go to his house at 6.00 a.m.** We found him in bed. ⁹ **He didn't wanted to speak to us**, so ¹⁰ **we took him to the police station** for questioning.

¹ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
² <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>we parked the police car outside</u>
³ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
⁴ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
⁵ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
⁶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
⁷ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
⁸ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
⁹ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
¹⁰ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>



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

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

STEVEN POTTER I was at the cinema. The film ²started 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 ⁴to the cinema with? (go)

SP With my girlfriend.

I ⁵the film? (like)

SP Yes, she thought it was very good.

I What time ⁶the film? (finish)

SP At about 10.30.

I And what ⁷after you left the cinema? (do)

SP We went to a restaurant – Mamma Mia on the High Street.

I Mamma Mia? I know it. Very good spaghetti. What time ⁸the restaurant? (leave)

SP At about 12.00.

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

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

I How? ¹⁰a taxi? (get)

SP No, we got a bus.

I And what time ¹¹to 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...

3 VOCABULARY irregular verbs

a Complete the infinitive and past forms of these irregular verbs with a, e, i, o, or u.

Infinitive	Past
1 beg in	beg a n
2 c me	c me
3 dr nk	dr nk
4 dr ve	dr ve
5 g ve	g ve
6 kn w	kn w
7 p t	p t
8 s t	s t
9 sw m	sw m
10 w ke (up)	w ke (up)
11 w n	w n
12 wr te	wr te

b Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs from the list.

break buy can find hear
lose make meet take think

1 Last night we heard a noise downstairs.

2 They their friends outside the restaurant.

3 The police the man's daughter was the murderer.

4 The policeman the money in an old bag.

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 I was thirsty so I a cup of tea.

10 We were worried because we see a police car outside our house.

c Complete the story with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



Rob Jones ¹worked (work) at a post office. Every day he ² (drive) from the post office to the bank with a bag full of money. Two men on motorbikes ³ (know) about Rob. They ⁴ (want) the money from the post office. The two men ⁵ (watch) Rob for a week. Then, on Friday morning, they ⁶ (wait) for him on their motorbikes. When they ⁷ (see) Rob's car, they ⁸ (follow) him. Rob ⁹ (be) frightened, so he ¹⁰ (stop) the car. The men ¹¹ (open) the door and they ¹² (take) the bag next to Rob. Then they ¹³ (leave) on their motorbikes. The two men ¹⁴ (have) a big surprise when they ¹⁵ (look) inside the bag at home. It ¹⁶ (not be) full of money; it ¹⁷ (be) a first aid kit!

