

8A A murder story

1 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

- a 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.

- b 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...