3 It all went wrong

Past tenses • Word formation • Time expressions

STARTER Here are the past tense forms of some irregular verbs. Write the infinitives.

1	_____	were	4	_____	told	7	_____	took	10	_____	could
2	_____	saw	5	_____	said	8	_____	gave	11	_____	made
3	_____	went	6	_____	had	9	_____	got	12	_____	did

THE BURGLARS' FRIEND

Past Simple

1 **T 3.1** Read and listen to the newspaper article. Why was Russell the burglars' friend?

The burglars' friend

IT was 3 o'clock in the morning when four-year-old Russell Brown woke up to go to the toilet.

His parents were fast asleep in bed. But when he heard a noise in the living room and saw a light was on, he went downstairs.

There he found two men. They asked him his name, and told him they were friends of the family.

Unfortunately, Russell believed them. They asked him where the video recorder

His parents were fast asleep in bed

was. Russell showed them, and said they had a stereo and CD player, too.

The two men carried these to the kitchen. Russell also told them that his mother kept her purse in a drawer in the kitchen, so they took that. Russell even gave them his pocket money – 50p.

They finally left at 4 a.m. They said, 'Will you open the back door while we take these things to the car, because we don't want to wake Mummy and Daddy, do we?' So Russell held the door open for them. He then went back to bed.

His parents didn't know about the burglary until they got up the next day. His father said, 'I couldn't be angry with Russell because he thought he was doing the right thing.'

Fortunately, the police caught the two burglars last week.

2 Write the past forms of these irregular verbs from the article.

wake	_____	leave	_____
hear	_____	hold	_____
find	_____	think	_____
keep	_____	catch	_____

3 **T 3.2** You will hear some sentences about the story. Correct the mistakes.

Russell woke up at 2 o'clock.

He didn't wake up at 2.00! He woke up at 3.00.

4 Write the questions to these answers.

1 Because he wanted to go to the toilet.
Why did he wake up?
2 They were in bed.
3 Because he heard a noise and saw a light on.
4 Two.
5 They told him they were friends of the family.
6 In a drawer in the kitchen.
7 50p.
8 At 4 a.m.
9 The next day. *(When … find out about … ?)*
10 Last week.

Russell, 4, made thieves feel at home

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 What tense are nearly all the verbs in the article? Why? How do we form the question and negative?

2 Write the Past Simple of these verbs.

a ask	_____	c like	_____
show	_____	believe	_____
want	_____	use	_____
walk	_____	d stop	_____
start	_____	plan	_____
b try	_____		
carry	_____		

T 3.3 Listen and repeat.

3 How is the regular past tense formed?
How is the past tense formed when the verb ends in a consonant + *y*?
When do we double the final consonant?

There is a list of irregular verbs on p143.

Grammar Reference 3.1 p131

PRACTICE

Making connections

1 Match the verb phrases. Then make sentences using both verbs in the past. Join the sentences with *so*, *because*, *and*, or *but*.

I broke a cup, but I mended it with glue.

break a cup	answer it
feel ill	mend it
make a sandwich	wash my hair
have a shower	laugh
lose my passport	be hungry
call the police	go to bed
run out of coffee	buy some more
forget her birthday	find it
phone ring	say sorry
tell a joke	hear a strange noise

T 3.4 Listen and compare your answers.

Talking about you

2 Ask and answer these questions with a partner. Make more questions, using the Past Simple.

What did you do . . . ?
- last night
- last weekend
- on your last birthday
- on your last holiday

I watched TV.

I went swimming.

NEWSPAPER STORIES

Past Continuous

1 Complete the newspaper articles with the Past Simple of the verbs in the boxes.

have	can	steal	give	say

break	hear	come	leave	go

a

Hands up, I've got a burger!

Last Tuesday a man armed with just a hot hamburger in a bag (1) _____ $1,000 from a bank in Danville, California.

Police Detective Bill McGinnis (2) _____ that the robber entered the Mount Diablo National Bank at about 1.30 p.m. and (3) _____ the teller a note demanding $1,000. He claimed that he (4) _____ a bomb in the bag. The teller said she (5) _____ smell a distinct odour of hamburger coming from the bag. Even so, she handed the money to the man. He dropped the bag with the hamburger. He escaped in a car.

Police Detective Bill McGinnis

b

Teenage party ends in tears

When Jack and Kelly Harman (1) _____ away on holiday, they (2) _____ their teenage daughter alone in the house. Zoë, aged 16, wanted to stay at home. Her parents said she could have some friends to stay. However, Zoë decided to have a party. Things started to go wrong. Forty uninvited guests arrived. They (3) _____ furniture, smashed windows, and stole jewellery.

Zoë Harman, 16, home alone

When Mr and Mrs Harman (4) _____ the news, they (5) _____ home immediately.

2 Match these phrases to the articles. Where exactly does each phrase go in the story?

... because she was revising for exams.

As he was running out of the bank,

Everyone was having a good time when suddenly ...

... that was waiting for him outside.

... and some of them were carrying knives.

... , who was wearing a mask, ...

T 3.5 Listen and check. Practise the sentences that contain these phrases.

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 What tense are all the verb forms in exercise 2? Why is this tense used?

2 How do we make questions and negatives?

3 Look at these sentences. What's the difference between them?

When we arrived, | she made / she was making | some coffee.

▶▶ **Grammar Reference 3.2 and 3.3 p132**

PRACTICE

Discussing grammar

1 Choose the correct verb form.

1 I *saw / was seeing* a very good programme on TV last night.
2 While I *shopped / was shopping* this morning, I *lost / was losing* my money. I don't know how.
3 Last week the police *stopped / were stopping* Alan in his car because he *drove / was driving* at over eighty miles an hour.
4 How *did you cut / were you cutting* your finger?
5 I *cooked / was cooking* and I *dropped / was dropping* the knife.
6 When I *arrived / was arriving* at the party, everyone *had / was having* a good time.
7 *Did you have / Were you having* a good time last night?

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1 While I _____ (go) to work this morning, I _____ (meet) an old friend.
2 I _____ (not want) to get up this morning. It _____ (rain) and it was cold, and my bed was so warm.
3 I _____ (listen) to the news on the radio when the phone _____ (ring).
4 But when I _____ (pick) up the phone, there was no one there.
5 I _____ (say) hello to the children, but they didn't say anything because they _____ (watch) television.

Getting information

3 Your teacher will give you some more information about the teenage party, but you don't have all the information. Ask and answer questions.

Student A

Mr and Mrs Harman arrived home at . . . (*When?*)
Zoë was staying with friends.

When did Mr and Mrs Harman arrive home?

She was staying with friends.

Student B

Mr and Mrs Harman arrived home at 10.30 in the evening.
Zoë was staying . . . (*Where?*)

At 10.30 in the evening.

Where was Zoë staying?

fortunately/unfortunately

4 Continue this story around the class.

5 Tell similar stories around the class. Begin with these sentences.

- I lost my wallet yesterday.
- It was my birthday last week.
- We went out for a meal last night.
- I went on holiday to . . . last year.