

# 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 in brackets.

### POLICE REPORT

#### Bank robbery

We <sup>1</sup> arrived (arrive) at the bank at 9.36 in the evening, and we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (park) our police car outside. The bank <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) closed and all the lights <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) off, but we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) through the window. We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a person inside the bank. At first we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not can) see who it was, but then he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door and came out – it was Steven Potter. He <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not run) away – he just walked slowly to his car, and then drove away. The next morning, we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to his house at 6.00 a.m. We <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) him in bed. He <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to speak to us, but we <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) him to the police station.

- b Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



**INSPECTOR** Where <sup>1</sup> were you at about 9.30 yesterday evening? (be)

**STEVEN POTTER** I was at the cinema. The film <sup>2</sup> started at 9.00. (start)

**I** What film <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_? (see)

**SP** I can't remember. It wasn't very good.

**I** Hmm. Very interesting. And who <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema with? (go)

**SP** With my girlfriend.

**I** <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the film? (like)

**SP** Yes, she thought it was very good.

**I** What time <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the film \_\_\_\_\_? (finish)

**SP** At about 10.30.

**I** And what <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant? (leave)

**SP** At about 12.00.

**I** That's very late. <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home after that? (go)

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

**I** How? <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi? (get)

**SP** No, we got a bus.

**I** And what time <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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...

## 2 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 <i>i</i> n      | beg <i>a</i> n     |
| 2 c <i>u</i> me       | c <i>o</i> me      |
| 3 dr <i>o</i> nk      | dr <i>o</i> nk     |
| 4 dr <i>o</i> ve      | dr <i>o</i> ve     |
| 5 g <i>o</i> ve       | g <i>o</i> ve      |
| 6 kn <i>o</i> w       | kn <i>o</i> w      |
| 7 p <i>o</i> t        | p <i>o</i> t       |
| 8 s <i>o</i> t        | s <i>o</i> t       |
| 9 sw <i>o</i> m       | sw <i>o</i> m      |
| 10 w <i>o</i> ke [up] | w <i>o</i> ke [up] |
| 11 w <i>o</i> n       | w <i>o</i> n       |
| 12 wr <i>o</i> te     | wr <i>o</i> te     |

- b Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

buy find break hear make take can lose meet think

- Last night we heard a noise downstairs.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ the man's daughter was the murderer.
- The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ the money in an old bag.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ their friends outside the restaurant.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a detective story in the bookshop.
- My girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ her mobile phone last night.
- The man \_\_\_\_\_ a window and went into the house.
- Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ my laptop when I was out of the room.
- We were worried because we \_\_\_\_\_ see a police car outside our house.
- I was thirsty so I \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION past simple verbs

- a Match the verbs with the same vowel sound.

drove could made said learnt bought had lost

- came made
- left \_\_\_\_\_
- got \_\_\_\_\_
- ran \_\_\_\_\_
- saw \_\_\_\_\_
- spoke \_\_\_\_\_
- took \_\_\_\_\_
- heard \_\_\_\_\_

- b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.

## 4 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to a radio interview with a detective. What does he like most about his job?

- b **iChecker** Listen again and choose a, b, or c.

- Jeremy Downs decided he wanted to be a detective...
  - when he was a child.
  - when he left school.
  - when he finished university.
- His first job in the police was as...
  - an inspector.
  - a police officer.
  - a detective.
- Jeremy took the ... Exam to become a detective.
  - National Inspectors
  - National Detectives
  - National Investigators
- Jeremy usually works...
  - outside.
  - in an office.
  - at the police station.
- He sometimes feels...when he is at work.
  - bored
  - stressed
  - worried



### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- library /'laɪbrɪ/  
murder /'mɜːdə/  
nobody /'nəʊbɒdi/  
secretary /'sekɹətəri/  
believe /bɪ'liːv/  
kill /kɪl/  
marry /'mæri/  
business partner /'bɪznəs pɑːtnə/

# 8B A house with a history

## 1 GRAMMAR *there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns*

a Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *there is / there are* and, if necessary, *a, some, or any*.

- A Hello. I'm interested in the flat to rent.  
 B Oh, OK Let me tell you about it. <sup>1</sup> There's a large living room and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ small kitchen.  
 A <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ table in the kitchen?  
 B No, <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. But <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very nice dining room with a table and some chairs.  
 A That's fine. What about the bedrooms. How many bedrooms <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ three bedrooms and a bathroom.  
 A <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ shower in the bathroom?  
 B Yes, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A Good. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ bookshelves in the living room?  
 B No, I'm sorry. But <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cupboards.  
 A That's OK. I think it's perfect for us. How much is it?

b Write the sentences in the plural using *some* or *any*.

- There's an armchair in the living room.  
There are some armchairs in the living room.
- Is there a carpet downstairs?  
 \_\_\_\_\_?
- There's a CD on the shelf.  
 \_\_\_\_\_?
- Is there a glass in the cupboard?  
 \_\_\_\_\_?
- There isn't a file in the study.  
 \_\_\_\_\_?

c Circle the correct form.

<sup>1</sup> **(It's)** / **There's** a nice flat and <sup>2</sup> **it isn't** / **there isn't** very expensive. <sup>3</sup> **There are** / **They are** two rooms but <sup>4</sup> **there aren't** / **they aren't** very big. <sup>5</sup> **There's** / **It is** a small kitchen and a bathroom. <sup>6</sup> **There isn't** / **It isn't** a bath in the bathroom, but <sup>7</sup> **it's** / **there's** a new shower. The flat is on the 10th floor, so <sup>8</sup> **there's** / **it is** a fantastic view of the city. And <sup>9</sup> **there's** / **it's** a very large balcony with a lot of flowers. <sup>10</sup> **They are** / **There are** beautiful in the summer!

## 2 VOCABULARY the house

a Complete the crossword.

Clues across →

Clues down ↓

Clues across →

Clues down ↓

b Write the room.

- 1 You usually take off your coat in the hall.
- 2 You usually have a shower in the b\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 You usually have dinner in the d\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 You usually use a computer in the st\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 You usually park your car in the g\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 You usually make lunch in the k\_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 You usually watch television in the l\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 You usually sleep in the b\_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 You usually sit outside in the g\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 PRONUNCIATION /ɪə/ and /eə/; word stress

a Circle the word with a different sound.

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <br><br>chair    | 1 they're there dear |
| <br><br>ear      | 2 beer stairs near   |
| <br><br>chair | 3 where wear we're   |
| <br><br>ear  | 4 here hair hear     |

b **iChecker** Listen and repeat the words.

c Underline the stressed syllable.

- 1 car|pet
- 2 mi|rror
- 3 cu|pboard
- 4 ba|lco|ny
- 5 coo|ker
- 6 so|fa
- 7 ar|mi|chair
- 8 ga|rage
- 9 ce|iling

d **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the words.

### 4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to Mrs Goodings show her house to Bradley and Joanna, a couple who are interested in renting it. Tick ✓ the **three** rooms Mrs Goodings shows them?

- 1 bathroom
- 2 bedroom
- 3 dining room
- 4 garage
- 5 hall
- 6 kitchen
- 7 living room
- 8 study

b **iChecker** Listen again and write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Mrs Goodings always eats in the kitchen. T
- 2 Joanna doesn't like the living room. —
- 3 There isn't a washing machine in the kitchen. —
- 4 There's a hole in the ceiling of the kitchen. —
- 5 Joanna likes the windows in the living room. —
- 6 There isn't a TV in the living room. —
- 7 There are three bedrooms upstairs. —
- 8 Bradley forgets about the hole in the bathroom ceiling. —

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

advertisement /əd'vɜ:tɪsmənt/

barman /'bɑ:mən/

dishwasher /'dɪʃwɒʃə/

lovely /'lʌvli/

rent /rent/

a bottle of champagne /ə bɒtl ɒv ʃæm'peɪn/

a long time ago /ə lɒŋ taɪm ə'gəʊ/

(local) pub /pʌb/

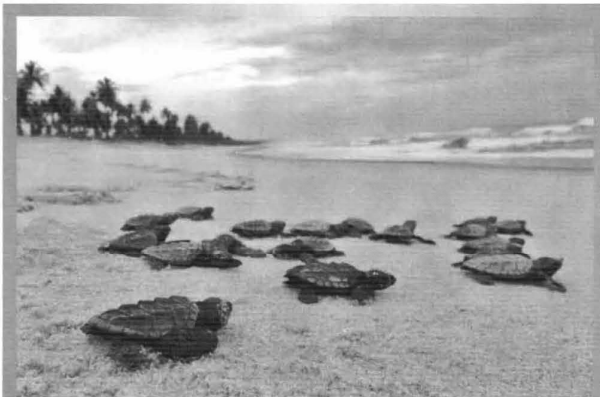
Wow! /wəʊ/

How horrible! /haʊ 'hɒrəbl/

# 8C A night in a haunted hotel

## 1 GRAMMAR *there was / there were*

a Complete the text. Use *was, were, wasn't, or weren't*.



I went on holiday to Brazil last summer, and I stayed in an amazing hotel. My room was great. There <sup>1</sup> *was* a large bed, and there <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ some big cupboards to put my clothes in. There <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a kitchen, but there <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a minibar full of drinks and snacks. There <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ three different restaurants to choose from. There <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful swimming pool in the hotel, and there <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a long beach very near. There <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any tourists on the beach but there <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ some baby turtles. They were really beautiful!

b Complete the dialogue with a form of *there was / there were*.

- A Did you have a good holiday?  
 B Not really. <sup>1</sup> *There was* a problem with my hotel.  
 A Oh dear. What happened?  
 B Well, we couldn't swim because <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a swimming pool. And <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any restaurants near the hotel.  
 A <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a minibar in your room?  
 B No, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a minibar and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a television. The only thing in my room was the bed!  
 A Oh. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a bathroom?  
 B Yes, but <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any clean towels. Everything was very dirty.  
 A <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any nice people in the hotel?  
 B Yes, <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ some great people, but they all felt the same as me – very angry!

## 2 VOCABULARY prepositions: place and movement

Complete the sentences with these words.

behind from...to in in front of next to opposite  
out of over under up



- There's a family *in* the dining room.
- The boy is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the girl.
- The woman is \_\_\_\_\_ the man.
- There's a ghost standing \_\_\_\_\_ the woman.
- There's a bag \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- A waiter is coming \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen.
- There's a ghost \_\_\_\_\_ the waiter.
- The waiter is carrying the plates \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ the tables.
- There's a clock \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen door.
- A ghost is going \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs.



### 3 PRONUNCIATION silent letters

a ~~Cross out~~ the silent letters.

- |            |         |          |           |
|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1 ghost    | 3 white | 5 autumn | 7 builder |
| 2 cupboard | 4 know  | 6 walk   | 8 wrong   |

b **iChecker** Listen and repeat. Copy the rhythm.

c **iChecker** Listen and underline the stressed words.

- 1 There was a lamp on the table.
- 2 There wasn't a bath in the bathroom.
- 3 Was there a mirror in the bedroom?
- 4 There were some books on the shelf.
- 5 There weren't any cupboards in the kitchen.
- 6 Were there any plants in the study?

d **iChecker** Listen again and repeat the sentences.

### 4 READING

Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Maesmawr Hall is more than 500 years old. F
- 2 People have seen ghosts inside and outside the hotel. —
- 3 The ghosts are all of people who lived in the house in the past. —
- 4 Robin Drwg's ghost sometimes appears as a bull. —
- 5 Paranormal investigators didn't think that Maesmawr Hall was haunted. —

### 5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to four people talking about hotel rooms. Which countries did they visit?

b Listen again. Match the speakers to the rooms.

Speaker 1  Speaker 2  Speaker 3  Speaker 4

- A The room was under the water.
- B The room had mirrors on the walls and the ceiling.
- C The room wasn't very comfortable.
- D The room was up a tree.

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

|                      |                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ghosts /gəʊsts/      | haunted /hɑ:ntɪd/                 |
| guest /gest/         | strange /streɪndʒ/                |
| owner /'əʊnə/        | In the middle of the night        |
| priest /pri:st/      | /ɪn ðə mɪdl ɒv ðə 'naɪt/          |
| brave /breɪv/        | remote control /rɪməʊt kən'trəʊl/ |
| frightened /'fraɪnd/ |                                   |

**iChecker TESTS FILE 8**



## Maesmawr Hall: A Haunted House in Wales

**M**aesmawr Hall is a manor house in Powys, Wales. It was built in 1535 and today is a 20-bedroom hotel and venue for weddings. It is famous because people say it is haunted.

Many guests say that they have seen ghosts. A businessman who stayed at the hotel said that when he looked out of the window he saw hundreds of Roman soldiers marching. In fact, in Roman times there was a road which passed through the grounds of Maesmawr Hall. Other guests said they saw the ghosts of the Davies sisters who owned the hotel in the 1900s, and the ghost of an old housekeeper walking through a wall in the hall. But perhaps most frightening is the story that the ghost of an evil man called Robin Drwg haunts the woods around the hotel. Some people say that they have seen this ghost suddenly change into the shape of a bull.

Maesmawr was on a TV programme about houses with ghosts called *Most Haunted*. The TV show presenters and investigators from the Mid Wales Paranormal (MWP) reported lots of strange activity in the hall – seeing balls of light, feeling movements, and hearing unusual sounds. During the investigation, the floor in one of the upstairs rooms moved. The hotel's current owner, Nigel Humphryson, says he often hears voices and banging noises that he cannot explain.

So if you're interested in ghosts, why not stay here? But don't go outside at night unless you're feeling really brave!