

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

- When the alarm ^a *went off* (go off), the security guard ^b _____ (call) the police. Then he hid in the cupboard.
- When the judge ^a _____ (enter) the court room, the suspect ^b _____ (not/stand up). The judge was not pleased.
- The police ^a _____ (not/arrest) the shoplifter when they ^b _____ (arrive) at the supermarket. She was given a warning.
- The vandals ^a _____ (not/run away) when I ^b _____ (shout) at them. I ran away instead.
- When the mugger ^a _____ (attack) the woman, she ^b _____ (hit) him in the face. Police said this was brave, but not a good idea.

2 Complete the story with the Past Perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

Maggie lay in bed but couldn't fall asleep. She thought about everything that *had happened* (happen) that day. She thought about the robbery. It ¹ _____ (be) perfect. No problems; no alarm; no police. She was also sure she ² _____ (not/leave) any fingerprints. She ³ _____ (get out) of the building before anyone realised what was happening. The diamonds were safe because she ⁴ _____ (hide) them under the floorboards. Tomorrow was the delivery and then straight to the airport.

3 Which action happened first in the sentences? Write 1 or 2 after each part of the sentence.

- When the police arrived [1], the drug dealer threw away all the drugs [2].
- When the police arrived [1], the drug dealer had thrown away all the drugs [2].
- Because the owners came home [1], the burglar jumped out of the window [2].
- When the owners came home [1], the burglars had stolen their television [2].
- The murderer had already killed the victim [1] when the witness saw him [2].
- The murderer killed the victim [1] because she screamed [2].
- After the judge read the sentence [1], the man began to cry [2].
- By the time the judge read the sentence [1], the man had already begun to cry [2].

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

6 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Julie ^a _____ (not/had) the car for long when the thieves ^b _____ (steal) it.
- ^a _____ (Katie/finish) her homework last time you ^b _____ (call) her?
- I was half way to the party when I ^a _____ (realise) I ^b _____ (leave) your present at home.
- By the time the bomb ^a _____ (explode), the terrorists ^b _____ (leave) the country.
- The police ^a _____ (not/recognise) the suspect because he ^b _____ (lose) lots of weight.
- When you ^a _____ (go) upstairs at 9 o'clock, ^b _____ (your little sister/go) to sleep?

Liam sat on his bed and thought about the past. He *had been* (be) in prison for nearly three years. He was only half way through the six-year sentence the judge ¹ _____ (give) him for dealing drugs. As usual, he ² _____ (feel) sad and lonely. White walls, one small window and nobody to talk to. He really ³ _____ (miss) his parents and his brother. Before he was arrested, everyone ⁴ _____ (try) to be his friend. Now, he ⁵ _____ (realise) that most of them ⁶ _____ (just/want) to buy drugs from him. Of course, none of his old 'friends' ever came to visit him. He felt so depressed. Why ⁷ _____ (he/start) dealing drugs in the first place?

5 Complete the story with the Past Simple or the Past Perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Did the judge give you a short prison sentence because you didn't commit / hadn't committed a crime before?
- When he got home, the unsuccessful mugger realised he *had lost* / lost his own wallet.
- The woman *hadn't shoplifted* / didn't shoplift before, so this time she wasn't given a prison sentence.
- The bank had already been robbed by the time the unlucky bank robber *had arrived* / arrived.
- Before he *had come* / came out of the changing room, the shoplifter had put the jumper on under his coat.
- The suspect drove to the victim's house in a blue car. Where *did he steal* / had he stolen it from?
- When police searched the house they discovered the burglar *hid* / had hidden the jewellery in the freezer.
- After the two women had robbed the post office, they drove / had driven away on a motorbike.

4 Choose the correct verb form in each sentence.