

1 READING

- a Read about the Travers murder and look at the photos of the victim and the suspects. Then cover the text and look at the photos. Can you remember who the people are?

Who's Amanda? (She's Jeremy's wife.)

- b 8.1 Read and listen to the story. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.

- 1 Somebody killed Jeremy between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- 2 The detective questioned Amanda in the living room.
- 3 Jeremy went to bed before Amanda.
- 4 Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room.
- 5 Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door.
- 6 Amanda got up at 7:00.
- 7 Amanda didn't love Jeremy.

Detective Granger arrived at about 9:00. He ¹was a tall man with a big mustache. Amanda, Barbara, Claudia, and Gordon ²were in the living room. The detective ³came in.

"Mr. Travers died between midnight last night and 7:00 this morning," he ⁴said. "Somebody in this room killed him." He looked at them one by one, but nobody ⁵spoke.

"Mrs. Travers, I want to talk to you first. Come into the library with me, please."

Amanda followed the detective into the library and they ⁶sat down.

"What did your husband do after dinner last night?"

"We finished dinner at about 9:30. Then Jeremy said he was tired and he ⁷went to bed."

"Did you go to bed then?"

"No, I didn't. I went for a walk in the yard."

"What time did you go to bed?"

"At about a quarter to twelve."

"Was your husband asleep?"

"I don't know, Detective. We...we ⁸slept in different rooms. But I ⁹saw that his door was closed."

"Did you hear anything when you were in your room?"

"Yes, I ¹⁰heard Jeremy's bedroom door. It opened. I ¹¹thought it was Jeremy. Then it closed again. I ¹²read in bed for half an hour and then I went to sleep."

"What time did you get up this morning?"

"I ¹³got up at about 7:15. I ¹⁴had breakfast and at 8:00 I ¹⁵took a cup of tea to my husband. I ¹⁶found him in bed. He was...dead."

"Tell me, Mrs. Travers, did you love your husband?"

"Jeremy is...was a difficult man."

"But did you love him, Mrs. Travers?"

"No, Detective. I hated him."

The Travers murder

- June 22, 1965 – Jeremy Travers's 60th birthday
- He had dinner at his country house with:
 - Amanda, his wife
 - Barbara, his daughter
 - Gordon, his business partner
 - Claudia, his secretary.
- The next morning, Amanda Travers went to her husband's bedroom. She found him dead.



The victim, Jeremy Travers

2 PRONUNCIATION simple past verbs

- a Look at the highlighted irregular verbs in the story. What are the base forms?

- 1 be – was 2 be – were
3 come – came

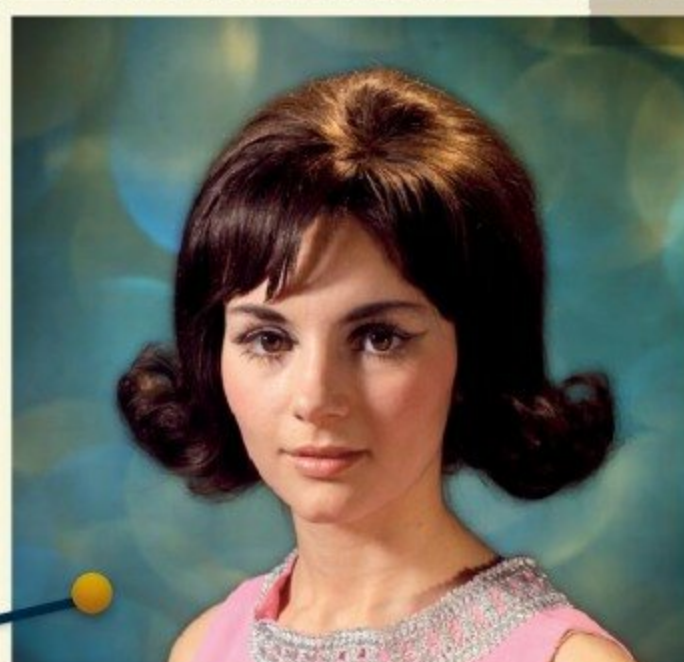
- b 8.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat.

- c 8.3 Find and underline nine simple past + regular verbs in the story. How do you pronounce them? Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the verbs and phrases.

arrived (Detective Granger arrived.)



Amanda Travers



Barbara Travers



Gordon Summers



Claudia Pasquale

- b Compare your chart with a partner. Who do you think was the murderer: Amanda, Barbara, Gordon, or Claudia? Why?
- c **8.7** Now listen to what happened. Who was the murderer? Why did he / she kill Mr. Travers? Were you right?

4 GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

simple past: regular and irregular

- a Cover the story and look at these verbs. Are they regular or irregular in the simple past? Write the simple past form ☐ and ☐ for each verb.

arrive close come hate kill sit
sleep speak

arrive arrived didn't arrive

- b **8.8** Listen and check.
- c **p.138 Grammar Bank 8A**
- d **p.165 Irregular verbs** Check (✓) the irregular verbs you know. Choose three new ones and learn them.

5 SPEAKING

What time did you get home?

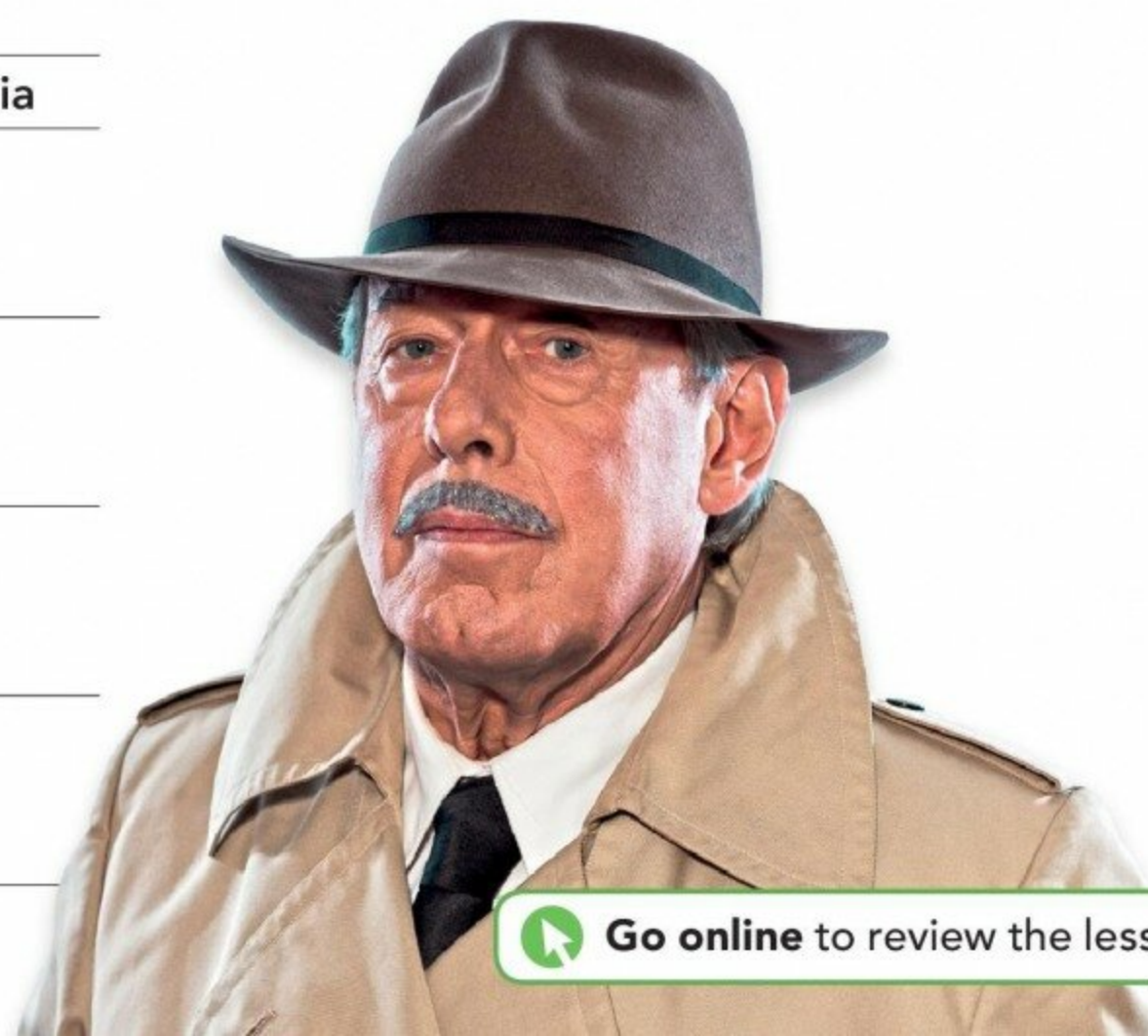
(At about 11:30.)

Communication Police interview
A p.106 B p.111 Interview robbery suspects. Are they telling the truth?

3 LISTENING

- a **8.4, 8.5, 8.6** Listen to part of the TV adaptation. The detective questions Barbara. Write the information in the chart. Listen again and check. Then do the same for Gordon and Claudia.

	Amanda	Barbara	Gordon	Claudia
What did he / she do after dinner?	She went for a walk.			
What time did he / she go to bed?	11:45.			
Did he / she hear anything?	Jeremy's door opened and closed.			
Did he / she have a motive?	She hated him.			



8A simple past: regular and irregular

1 was / were and could

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- ☒ Gordon **was** Jeremy's business partner. They **were** at his country house. They **could** hear a strange noise.
- ☐ She **wasn't** at home last night. You **weren't** very nice to her. I **couldn't** sleep.
- ☐ **Were** you sick yesterday? When **was** he born? **Could** you see anybody in the library?

2 regular verbs

- ☒ I really **liked** the present. She **wanted** to be a doctor.
- ☐ She **didn't enjoy** the concert. They **didn't arrive** until very late.
- ☐ **Did** you **watch** the game last night? When **did** you **finish** the book?

3 irregular verbs

- ☒ I **went** to Paris last summer. She **slept** on the sofa.
- ☐ He **didn't come** home last night. They **didn't hear** the music.
- ☐ **Did** you **speak** to your sister yesterday? Where **did** you **have** lunch?

- 1 The past of *be* is *was / were*, and the past of *can* is *could*. We add *not* to make negatives and reverse the subject and verb to make questions.
- 2 Regular verbs add *-ed* or *-d* in the simple past ☒, e.g., *want-wanted, like-liked*.
- 3 Irregular verbs change their form in the simple past ☒, e.g., *go-went, see-saw*.
- Regular and irregular verbs (except *can*) use:
 - didn't* + base form to make negatives, e.g., *I didn't like it. She didn't see him.*
 - did* + subject + base form to make questions, e.g., *Did you want to come? Where did she go?*



I went to Paris last summer.



She slept on the sofa.

8B there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns

singular	plural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There's a garage. <input type="checkbox"/> There isn't a swimming pool. <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a bathroom downstairs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There are some pictures on the wall. <input type="checkbox"/> There aren't any plants in the room. <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any neighbors with children?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there is . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there isn't .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there are . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there aren't .

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there is / there are

- We use *there is / there are* to say that something exists or doesn't exist, e.g., *There's a bathroom upstairs. There isn't a bathroom downstairs.*
- We use *there is* + a singular noun and *there are* + plural nouns.
- There is* is often contracted to *There's*. *There are* is not usually contracted.
- When we talk about a list of things, we use *there is* if the first word in the list is singular or *there are* if the first word in the list is plural.
*In my bedroom, **there's** a bed, two chairs, and a desk.*
*In the living room, **there are** two armchairs and a sofa.*

a / an, some, and any

- We often use *there is / isn't* with *a / an*, and *there are / aren't* with *some* and *any*.
- We use *some* and *any* with plural nouns. *Some* = not an exact number, e.g., *There are some eggs in the refrigerator.*
- We use *some* in ☒ sentences and *any* in ☐ and ☐.

There is / There are or It is / They are?

Be careful. *There is* and *It is* are different.**There's** a key on the table. **It's** the key to the kitchen.**There** are three bedrooms in the apartment.**They're** all very small.

8C there was / there were

singular	plural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There was a big mirror. <input type="checkbox"/> There wasn't a TV. <input type="checkbox"/> Was there a bathroom?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There were four lamps. <input type="checkbox"/> There weren't any ghosts. <input type="checkbox"/> Were there any windows?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there was . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there wasn't .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, there were . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, there weren't .

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- there was / there were* is the past of *there is / there are*. We use *there was / there were* to say that something existed or didn't exist, e.g., *There were two computers in the office, but there wasn't a printer.*

8A

a Complete the conversation using the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

A Where were (be) you last night at 8:00?

B I ¹ _____ (be) at home, Detective. With my wife.
We ² _____ (be) at home all evening.

A ³ What _____ you _____ (do)?

B We ⁴ _____ (watch) TV and then we ⁵ _____
(have) a light dinner. We ⁶ _____ (not be) hungry.
After that, we ⁷ _____ (go) to bed.

A ⁸ What time _____ you _____ (go) to bed?

B About 10 o'clock.

A ⁹ _____ you _____ (hear) a noise during
the night?

B No, I ¹⁰ _____ (not hear) anything.

b Complete the sentences with the simple past of a verb from the list.

arrive not can hear read see sit
sleep speak not want

They spoke quietly for a few minutes.

1 I _____ very badly last night.

2 She _____ a strange noise.

3 We _____ find our keys.

4 I _____ three books last week.

5 They _____ at the airport at 11:30.

6 He _____ her with an old friend.

7 We _____ next to each other in class.

8 You _____ to come.

← p.63

8B

a Complete with ☐ or ☐ of *There's* or *There are*.

There's a dishwasher in the kitchen.

Are there any people in the room?

1 _____ any books on the shelf?

2 _____ a bathroom downstairs?

3 _____ some stairs over there.

4 _____ a rug on the floor.

5 _____ some pictures on the wall.

6 _____ a shower in the bathroom?

7 _____ some chairs in the yard?

8 _____ a lamp in the bedroom?

9 _____ a motorcycle in the garage.

10 _____ any glasses in the cupboard?

b Write ☐ or ☐ sentences or ☐ with *there is / are* + *a / an, some, or any*.

☐ trees / the yard

There are some trees in the yard.

1 ☐ table / the kitchen.

2 ☐ fireplace / the living room?

3 ☐ plants / my apartment.

4 ☐ people / the yard?

5 ☐ pictures / my bedroom.

6 ☐ TV / the kitchen.

7 ☐ computer / the study.

8 ☐ cupboards / the dining room.

9 ☐ bathtub / the bathroom?

10 ☐ light / the garage.

← p.65

8C

a Complete with the correct form of *there was* or *there were*.

A How many guests were there in the hotel?

B ¹ _____ four including me.

² _____ a Brazilian tourist and

³ _____ two business people.

A ⁴ _____ a restaurant?

B No, ⁵ _____, but ⁶ _____
_____ a coffee shop.

A ⁷ _____ a TV in your room?

B Yes, ⁸ _____, but ⁹ _____
_____ any chairs.

A How many beds ¹⁰ _____?

B One. A double bed.

b Complete the sentences with *there was / were / wasn't / weren't* + *a, some, or any*.

There were some ghosts in the haunted hotel I stayed in.

1 My sister didn't take a shower because
_____ spider in the bathtub.

2 We couldn't watch the news because _____
TV in our room.

3 I couldn't sleep on the plane because _____
noisy children behind me.

4 They couldn't play tennis because _____
tennis balls.

5 She didn't have a coffee because _____ cups.

6 He took a lot of photos because _____
beautiful view of the town.

7 They couldn't park near the restaurant because
_____ parking lot.

← p.67