

## PRACTICE

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### fortunately/unfortunately

4 Continue this story around the class.



A radio drama

- 1 **T 3.6** Look at the pictures below and listen to a radio play called *The perfect crime*.
- 2 Answer the questions.
- 1 What can you see in the pictures?
  - 2 How did Alice feel about Henry at the beginning of the play?
  - 3 What did her husband tell her?
  - 4 Who is Kathy? Who is Bobby?
  - 5 What did she say when he told her? Why did she decide to do this?
  - 6 What did she do to him then?
  - 7 How do you think she murdered him?
  - 8 What was her explanation to the police?
  - 9 Why were all the policemen thirsty?
- 3 Read the story. What do you learn from the story that you didn't from the radio drama?
- The perfect crime**
- Alice Jackson's husband, Henry, was a man of habit. So it was that at exactly six o'clock in the evening she was in the kitchen getting a beer for him out of the fridge and watching him walk up the path.
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She was smiling. Today the routine was going to be different. It was their tenth wedding anniversary, and some friends were coming round for drinks at 8.00. There was a big ice statue of a couple kissing in the middle of the table in the living room, with twenty glasses waiting for the guests. Alice was looking forward to the evening.

She was very happy. She had a beautiful baby sleeping upstairs, a lovely home, and a husband who she adored.

Henry opened the door and came into the kitchen. She turned round to kiss him and give him his beer.

'Sit down,' Henry said. 'I've got something to say.'

Alice had no idea that in the next two minutes her whole life was going to change.

'I'm sorry,' he said. 'And it's our anniversary, as well.'

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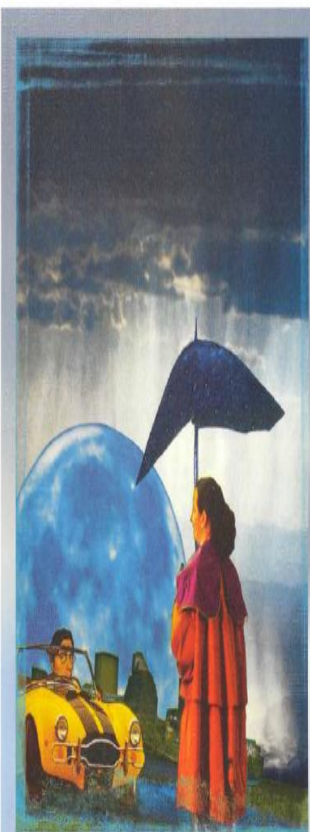
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- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (say) hello to the children, but they didn't say anything because they \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television.

### Getting information

### fortunately/unfortunately

#### 4 Continue this story around the class.



I went out for a walk.  
**Unfortunately**, it began to rain.  
**Fortunately**, I had an umbrella.

Unit 3

3.1 Past Simple

**Spelling**

- The normal rule is to add *-ed*.  
worked started  
If the verb ends in *-e*, add *-d*.  
lived loved
- If the verb has only one syllable + one vowel + one consonant, double the consonant.  
stopped planned
- If the verb ends in a consonant + *-y*, change the *-y* to *-ied*.  
studied carried

There are many common irregular verbs. See the list on p143.

**Form**

The form of the Past Simple is the same for all persons.

**Positive**

I	finished	
He/She/It	arrived	yesterday.
We	went	
You		
They		

**Negative**

The negative of the Past Simple is formed with *didn't*.

He walked.  
He didn't walked.

**Negative**

I		
He/She/It		

**Use**

- Have* and *have got* mean the same. *Have got* is informal. We use it a lot when we speak, but not when we write.  
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**Negative**

I	don't have	any money.
We	haven't got	
You		
They		
He	doesn't have	
She	hasn't got	

**Question**

Do	I	have	a car?
	we		
	you		
	they		
Does	he		
	she		

Have	I	got	a car?
	we		
	you		
	they		
Has	he		
	she		

**Short answer**

Do you have a camera?	Yes, I do./No, I don't.
Have you got a camera?	Yes, I have./No, I haven't.

We can use contractions (*'ve* and *'s*) with *have got*, but not with *have*.  
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3.2 Past Continuous

**Form**

*was/were + -ing*  
(present participle)

**Positive and negative**

I	was		
He	wasn't (was not)		
She			
It			
We	were		
You	weren't (were not)		
They			

**Question**

	was	I	he
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3.3 Past Simple and Past Continuous

- The Past Simple expresses past actions as simple facts.  
I **did** my homework last night.  
'What **did** you **do** yesterday evening?' 'I **watched** TV.'
- The Past Continuous gives past activities time and duration. The activity can be interrupted.  
'What **were** you **doing** at 8.00?' 'I **was watching** TV.'  
I **was doing** my homework when Jane arrived.
- In stories, the Past Continuous can describe the scene. The Past Simple tells the action.  
It **was** a beautiful day. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**, so we **decided** to go for a picnic. We **put** everything in the car ...
- The questions below refer to different time periods. The Past Continuous asks about activities before, and the Past Simple asks about what happened after.

What were you doing	when it started to rain?	We were playing tennis.
What did you do		We went home.

3.4 Prepositions in time expressions

at	in	no preposition
at six o'clock	in the morning/afternoon/evening	today
at midnight	in December	yesterday
at Christmas	in summer	tomorrow
at the weekend	in 1995	the day after tomorrow
	in two weeks' time	the day before yesterday
on		last night
on Saturday		last week
on Monday morning		two weeks ago
on Christmas Day		next month
on January 18		yesterday evening



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1 Alice was waiting for her husband because she wanted to kill him.

2 She was happy because it was her anniversary.

3 She didn't know what he was going to tell her.

4 Henry said that he was in love with someone else.

5 She thought for a long time about how to murder Henry.

6 She turned up the central heating because the room was cold.

7 After she murdered him, Alice was very clever in her behaviour.

8 Alice hid the murder weapon.

What do you think?

At the beginning and the end of the play, Alice was smiling. Why?

Why do you think she did it?

Do you think it was the perfect crime? Do you think she got away with the murder? Why/Why not?

Language work

5 Give the past form of these verbs from the story. Be careful with the pronunciation.

adore \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

open \_\_\_\_\_ scream \_\_\_\_\_

turn \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_

walk \_\_\_\_\_ pick \_\_\_\_\_

Then she turned up the central heating, and went upstairs to put on some make-up.

The police came quickly.

'Is he all right?' she asked.

'He's dead.'

Alice screamed. 'No, no, not Henry! My Henry! Oh Henry!' Through her tears she told how she put the baby to bed, and came downstairs to find Henry on the kitchen floor.

'Burglars,' said Detective Parry.

They took her into the living room.

'Sit down, Mrs Jackson. Sergeant Taylor, get Mrs Jackson a drink. A brandy with some ice. Phew! It's hot in this room. I hope you understand, Mrs Jackson, that we have to search the house immediately. We must find the murder weapon.'

The room was getting hotter. Suddenly an arm fell off the ice statue onto the table. It was melting. Sergeant Taylor went to the statue and picked up the melting arm. He broke it into bits and put some into Alice's brandy.

'Phew! Can I have a glass of water, Mrs Jackson? It's so hot in here.'

'I think we all need one,' said the detective. 'And with ice.' They were all very hot and thirsty.

Alice's friends arrived. 'Poor Alice! Poor Henry!' They cried, and they tried to comfort her.

'Oh, thank you, thank you,' sobbed Alice. 'Please ... stay and have a drink. Help yourselves.'

They all had drinks - gin and tonic, whisky - and they all had ice. The statue was now nearly a pool of water on the floor.

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