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It all went wrong

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

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| 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 **Task** 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 for 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 back door while we take things to the car, because don't want to wake Mum and Daddy, do we?' So he held the door open for them. He then went back to bed.

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

Fortunately, the police caught the two burglars last week.