

- A. Thomas is at the police station suspected of robbery. Write the questions the police are asking him. Use past continuous, simple past or present perfect.**

1. ?
At 9 p.m. yesterday? I was having dinner at my girlfriend's house.
2. ?
I've known her for about one year. But that isn't any of your business now, is it?
3. ?
Sausages and chips and a bottle of red wine.
4. ?
No, I've never set foot in Mason's jewellery shop. I don't have that kind of money.

- B. Read this story about a koala, a kookaburra and a wombat and fill in the gaps with the correct form of simple past, past perfect simple, past continuous.**

The Koala called Christopher

Once upon a time in Australia there (1) (be) a koala called Christopher who (2) (live) in a tall eucalyptus tree all his life. He (3) (go) to sleep in the same tree every day for 19 hours, his pear-shaped body perfectly balanced in the fork of his beloved leafy home. One day as he (4) (dream) about Christine, his beautiful young neighbour, he (5) (hear) the distinct laugh of a kookaburra (*specie di uccello*) on the branch above. He (6) (tell) it to stop making fun of him and (7) (close) his small beady black eyes again. The next day as he (8) (eat) the moist tender tips of the eucalyptus leaves, the branches of his tree (9) (start) shaking. He (10) (climb) down the white trunk as quickly as possible thinking it (11) (be) Christine but the brown bear-like creature in front of him (12) (not look) at all like a cuddly koala. In fact, Christopher (13) (come) face to face with his grumpy (*scontroso*) distant cousin, Harry the hairy-nosed wombat (*specie di talpa*), who accidentally (14) (lose) his way. For old times' sake, Harry (15) (offer) his fellow marsupial a drink. Christopher politely (16) (refuse) the offer pointing out that the aborigines (17) (name) him "koala" meaning "no drink". And so the two animals (18) (depart), one going up to the treetops to dream and the other going in search of a deep burrow where he (19) (not have to) talk to anyone. The kookaburra just (20) (laugh) at both of them.

- C. Fill in this book review using the verb forms in the box.**

didn't sleep • read • have found • have been collecting • haven't read • started •
couldn't • grabbed • has succeeded • had finished • has mastered

A book review

People often say they don't write ghost stories the way they used to. That is no longer true. I (1) good ghost stories ever since I (2) Edgar Allan Poe as a child and I can truthfully say that I (3) a new young writer who (4) the art of creating stories about the unknown and the supernatural. She writes with great skill and maturity even though she (5) her career only a few years ago. In this second book of hers she (6) once again in bringing to the surface our submerged doubts and anxieties. The stories (7) my attention right from the beginning and I (8) put the book down until I (9) it. The subtle mood and unsettling details go well beyond traditional ghost stories and can be appreciated by all types of readers. I must admit, however, that I (10) such a disturbing book for a long time so if you (11) well last night, this is not the bedside book for you!