

1 Read the story quickly. Why did Jeremy want to buy a sat nav system (satellite navigation system)?

The careless thief

One evening last week, Jeremy Watkins was trying to buy a second-hand sat nav system for his car from an online auction site.

Two weeks earlier, a thief had stolen the sat nav system from Jeremy's car. Unfortunately, since the car wasn't locked, the insurance company had refused to replace the system.

After a while Jeremy found some sat nav systems for sale. As he was looking at them, he was astonished to see his own system for sale. Jeremy immediately bought it and e-mailed the seller to say that he would come round to his house the following day to collect it. Then he phoned the police.

The next day, a police officer called at the man's house. He pretended to be Jeremy. As soon as the man gave him the sat nav system, the police officer arrested him. So in the end Jeremy got his system back!

2 Put the events in the correct order.

- Jeremy got his old sat nav system back.
- A police officer went to the thief's house and arrested him.
- A thief stole Jeremy's sat nav system.
- Jeremy rang the police.
- Jeremy saw his own sat nav system for sale and bought it.
- Jeremy left his car unlocked.
- The insurance company refused to pay for a new sat nav system.
- Jeremy found an auction site that had sat nav systems for sale.
- Jeremy sent an e-mail to the thief.

3 Find ten of these time expressions in the story and underline them. Translate all of them.

Time expressions

in the end after a while at first immediately soon then one (evening) last (week) (two weeks) earlier the following (day) the next (day) as soon as as while

4 Choose the correct time expressions.

- 1 There's a fire – please leave the building **in the end** / **immediately**.
- 2 The police arrested her because a **week earlier** / **the following week** she'd stolen a mobile phone.
- 3 Somebody attacked him **as** / **as soon as** he was walking through the park.
- 4 **At first** / **After a while** I thought he was innocent, but **immediately** / **in the end** I realised he was lying.
- 5 The witness identified the criminal **as soon as** / **while** she saw him.

Writing tip

Use time expressions to order the events in a story.

5 Cover the story and exercise 2. Use the pictures to retell the story.



6 Do this writing task. First make notes, using the ideas below to help you.

Write a crime story. Write 130–150 words.

- What was the crime?
- Who were the criminals?
- What did they do?
- Who was the victim?
- Were there any witnesses?
- Did the police catch the criminals? If so, how?

Check your work

Have you

- used some time expressions to order the events?
- thought of a good title for your story?
- written 130–150 words?
- checked your spelling, punctuation and grammar?