

### Exercise 1: Past participles

Complete the following story using the correct form of the words in the box.

spot	try	break	wait	escape
begin	be	closed	change	cross

#### The Robbery

The gang of robbers \_\_\_\_\_ immediately outside the bank as the bank closed \_\_\_\_\_ in the evening. At just the right moment, they \_\_\_\_\_ inside, with their guns to their aim, and ordered everyone to keep still. The security guard could do nothing since they were dressed in numbers.

One of the robbers \_\_\_\_\_ immediately the robbers gathered their gains at the bank the cashier was busy stuffing bundles of money into the robbers' bags. The bank manager \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the other side before one of the robbers \_\_\_\_\_ her and threatened to shoot. After getting what they wanted, they fled hurriedly and \_\_\_\_\_ their getaway vehicle.

Luckily, a passerby had seen the robbery taking place. She immediately alerted the police. Two policemen arrived just as the robbers were getting into the vehicle. They \_\_\_\_\_ in a panic and abandoned the vehicle some 20 meters from the main entrance of the bank, but not before grabbing the cash of cash. Two of the robbers were brought down with bullets while the third one \_\_\_\_\_ into the night.

The police conducted a search after checking all the entrances of the estate but as they were about to give up, they \_\_\_\_\_ the robber in a neighbourhood park. Nobody was hurt in the attempted robbery and everyone praised the police for their quick action.