

### Circle the Past simple verbs

These short stories are written in the **accusative** form, using the **past simple** tense. As the student reads the story, they circle the past simple verbs and underline the helping verbs.

#### Story #1

It was a chilly evening in February. You were riding your bicycle home late, looking forward to a hot shower and a steaming bowl of chicken soup. You rode past the church just before the bells rang 11:00. Suddenly from around the corner, a young man on a skateboard nearly crashed into you. He was carrying something bulky inside his jacket, but you couldn't see what it was.

"Oh, sorry." He said nervously, but you didn't have time to say anything back before he sped off on his skateboard down the street.

"That was funny." You thought to yourself. "Wait a minute!" you said out loud to the empty street, "That was Bob, a friend of Johnny's! But what was he doing out here tonight?"

...A few days later, a Detective from the Local Police stopped by to ask you a few questions about the person you saw that night.

#### Story #2

It was a beautiful morning in July. You got up just before the sunrise to walk your dog, Rusty, in the park. As you walked and enjoyed the fresh morning air you thought of all the things that waited for you in the day. You had an appointment with the hairdresser; you were looking forward to that! There was some work and deadlines to think about, too. And your boyfriend was going to take you to dinner; that made you smile already. Your mind was just beginning to wander when Rusty started growling at something or someone.

"Shh, Rusty. Calm down." You said softly.

Then you saw her, and for some reason you decided it was best to turn around and go quickly home.

...The very next day, a Detective from the Local Police stopped by to ask you a few questions about the person you saw that morning.