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1. Read the following newspaper story and answer the questions

Police Dog Catches Burglars

The police arrested three burglars yesterday. They were waiting at a bus stop five miles from the scene of their crime. After stealing some silver from an antique shop and hiding everything in a nearby wood, they were waiting for the bus to go home.



But they were not counting on the determination of policeman John Basham and his dog, Rex. Basham was working at the local police station when he received a call about a burglary. When he got there, he found footprints in the snow.

His dog led him to a car park and then into a wood. There they found the silver which the burglars were planning to collect later. Rex then continued across the fields, over a railway line and through the river.

They followed the river and finally arrived at the village of Brimfield. Rex took Basham straight to the bus stop where the three men were sitting in the cold. He called for help and the men were arrested.

1) The burglars hid the silver in a wood. Then, they went to a bus stop to get a bus home. TRUE FALSE

2) Where were the burglars when the police caught them?

3) The burglars were planning to pick up the silver some time in the future. TRUE FALSE

4) How did the policeman find the silver?

5) Why did John Basham make a call when he found the three men?

2. Read this other newspaper story and complete the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. If there's a +, use a modal

\$ 200M Art Stolen

Paintings by Monet, Rembrandt, and Degas have been stolen from the Boston Museum.

Yesterday afternoon two thieves _____ (arrive) at the museum. They _____ (wear) police uniforms. They asked the guard _____ (show) them Monet's paintings. They said, "We _____ (just / receive) a phone call at the police station telling us that the paintings are in danger." The guard immediately let them _____ (see) the paintings. The thieves told him that he _____ (+ turn off) the alarm. Then, they tied his legs and arms. They worked very quickly. they _____ (collect) the best paintings and left the museum quietly and calmly through a back door.

It's clear that the thieves had a very clear plan. They _____ (know) exactly where each painting was and how they _____ (+ get) out of the museum. They _____ (+ not / use) any violence.

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3. Go on reading the story and complete the blanks with ONE word only

The director of the museum said, “*The thieves took our _____ famous paintings. I have worked here _____ 12 years, and I can’t believe that this has happened. I _____ to think nothing like this could ever happen, but it did. I’m really worried _____ all this.*”

“*I don’t know _____ they are planning to do with the paintings. They will probably try _____ sell them to an art collector in Europe. However, this is going to be difficult because the paintings are so famous. _____ they make any mistake, the police will immediately catch them.*”

The police have _____ started looking for the thieves, but they haven’t found them _____. The director continued, “*I’m sure the police will find _____ the thieves and the paintings. It’s just a question of time.*”

4. Read this other newspaper story and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word

Tina, 16, brings her sister into the world

When sixteen-year-old schoolgirl Tina Blake, who has lived in Kent _____ 2003, came home from school she was expecting to have her lunch. _____, she found her 38-year-old mother, Louise, on the floor in the hall, having a baby. _____ she was frightened, Tina reacted quickly. She could see the baby’s head, _____ she phoned the emergency services. Phil Bastin of Kent Ambulance Services told Tina, “*I’ll send an ambulance right now, _____ we may not get there on time. You might have to help your mother yourself. You should not worry. Just get some towels _____ clean the baby’s mouth and nose.*”

_____ he was telling Tina what to do, she kept asking questions. They were both worried, _____ Tina did everything Phil told her and everything was fine.

_____ the baby was born, Phil Bastin said, “*It’s was one of the most exciting experiences in my life. I have never seen anything like this _____.* Tina should be very proud of herself.”

5. Complete this interview with Michael Burek, a BBC news presenter and journalist

I: _____ ?

MB: I’ve been a journalist for over fifteen years.

I: _____ ?

MB: I decided to become a journalist when I was 15. I participated in a newspaper project at school and discovered how interesting the job was.

I: _____ ?

MB: At the moment? I’m working for the BBC radio.

I: _____ ?

MB: Yes, I’ve worked on TV. But I didn’t like it that much.

I: Tell me about your plans for the future. _____ ?

MB: Next year? I’m going to continue working for the BBC radio, I have a contract with them until 2020.

6. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following

* Write an e-mail to a friend who is living in Spain. Tell him about some recent piece of news from Argentina

OR

* “*I then realized I was involved in a crime*” (final sentence)