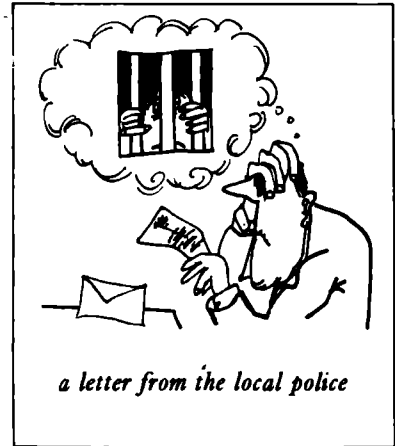


34 Quick Work

- Ted Robinson has been worried all the week. Last Tuesday he received a letter from the local police. In the letter he was asked to call at the station. Ted wondered why he was wanted by the police, but he went to the station yesterday and now he is not worried any more. At the station, he was told by a smiling policeman that his bicycle had been found. Five days ago, the policeman told him, the bicycle was picked up in a small village four hundred miles away. It is now being sent to his home by train. Ted was most surprised when he heard the news. He was amused too, because he never expected the bicycle to be found. It was stolen twenty years ago when Ted was a boy of fifteen!



Comprehension and Précis

Answer these questions *in not more than 55 words*.

1. Was Ted Robinson worried or not?
2. Whom had he received a letter from?
3. Where did he go yesterday?
4. Is he worried any more or not?
5. What have the police found?
6. Was Ted surprised or not? Was he amused or not? (*not only . . . but . . . as well*)
7. When was his bicycle stolen?
8. How old was he then?

Composition

Rewrite these sentences using the correct verbs and joining words:

The man was (not only) (neither) tired (nor) (but) hungry (as well) (either). (However) (Therefore) all the hotels in the town (existed) (were) full, (but) (so) he went to the police station. The police (put) (gave) him a meal (and) (but) a bed for the night.

Letter-writing

In the address we usually write 'St.' for 'Street'; 'Rd.' for 'Road'; 'Sq.' for 'Square'; 'Ave.' for 'Avenue'; 'Pl.' for 'Place'. We write words like 'Lane' and 'Drive' in full.

Exercise

Write these words in the way shown above:

Place, Avenue, Street, Road, Square.

Key Structures

He was asked to call at the station.

Do you remember these sentences? (KS 31)

Prisoners of war built this bridge in 1942. (Who)

This bridge was built (by prisoners of war) in 1942. (What)

Now study these sentences:

They asked me to make a speech. (Who)

I was asked to make a speech. (Who)

You will notice that the form of the verb depends on the person or thing we mention first. We mention the most important person or thing first.

Instead of saying:

They are sending *him* abroad.

The police were questioning *the man*.

He told *me* to wait for him.

They have found *your wallet*.

He never expected them to find *the bicycle*.

We can say:

He is being sent abroad.

The man was being questioned (by the police).

I was told to wait for him.

Your wallet has been found.

He never expected *the bicycle* to be found.

Exercises

A. Answer these questions on the passage. Write a complete sentence in answer to each question:

1. Who has been worried all the week?
2. What was Ted asked to do?
3. What did Ted wonder?
4. What was Ted told at the station?
5. Where was Ted's bicycle picked up?
6. Where is the bicycle being sent?
7. What did Ted feel when he heard the news?
8. Why was Ted amused?
9. How long ago was the bicycle stolen?

B. Change the form of the phrases in italics. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

1. *Something has worried Ted* all the week.
2. In the letter *they asked him* to call at the station.
3. Ted wondered why *the police wanted him*.
4. At the station, *a smiling policeman told him* that *they had found his bicycle*.
5. *They picked up the bicycle* in a small village.
6. *They are sending it* to his home by train.
7. *This amused him* because he never expected *them to find the bicycle*. *Someone stole it* twenty years ago.

Special Difficulties

Read these sentences. Each sentence contains the verb *call*. The verb has a different meaning in each sentence:

He ~~was asked~~ to *call* at the station. (ll. 3-4)

He *called out* to me but I did not hear him.

I *called on* George yesterday. (I paid him a short visit.)

She'll *call you up* tomorrow. (She will telephone you.)

It ~~began~~ to rain so we *called off* the match. (We cancelled it.)

Exercise

Supply the missing words in the following sentences:

1. I called you . . . five times yesterday. Were you out?
2. It's too late to go to the pictures. Why don't we call the whole thing . . . ?
3. We called . . . to him but he could not hear us.
4. I called . . . the post-office on my way to work.