

## Narrative tenses 2

For questions 1–16, complete the newspaper report below.  
Put the verbs in brackets into a suitable tense.

When the police 0 responded (**respond**) to an alarm at the Western Museum last summer, they 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (**discover**) that a number of important Modigliani paintings 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (**steal**). On further investigation, it 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (**turn out**) that one of the doors at the rear of the museum 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**) unlocked, meaning that the burglars 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) no difficulty in gaining access. The builders, who 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (**renovate**) rooms in the East Wing for several months, 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrest**); however, they categorically 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (**deny**) any responsibility for the break-in and 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (**release**).

With few clues to help them, police 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (**face**) a blank wall. Then last week, an unnamed contact 11 \_\_\_\_\_ (**ring**) to say that the paintings 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (**sell**) at a forthcoming auction in the Netherlands. They immediately 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (**fly**) out there. The paintings 14 \_\_\_\_\_ (**recover**) and the woman who 15 \_\_\_\_\_ (**plan**) to sell them 16 \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrest**).