

Unit 9

Reading

1

- 1 Boston
- 2 Oxford
- 3 Oxford
- 4 Boston
- 5 Paris

2

- 1 New Year's Eve
- 2 museum
- 3 room that had the *Mona Lisa*
- 4 had the painting for some time
- 5 didn't stop
- 6 haven't got

Words to remember

3

- 1 parties
- 2 museum
- 3 noisy
- 4 easy
- 5 uniforms

4

singular	plural
person	people
party	parties
man	men
thief	thieves
robbery	robberies
gallery	galleries

5

- 1 thieves
- 2 galleries
- 3 people
- 4 parties
- 5 robberies

Writing

1

- 1 I said, 'I'm very happy.'
- 2 The president said, 'We're winning.'
- 3 She said, 'It's time to stop.'
- 4 We said, 'That's brilliant!'
- 5 They said, 'We're having a party.'

2

The men who sold monuments

It's one thing to steal art, but selling national monuments that aren't for sale is quite different. Two men received a lot of money from doing this: Victor Lustig and Arthur Furguson.

Lustig sold a famous tower twice: the Eiffel Tower. He told some metal dealers the government didn't want to pay for it any more, but that he'd like the sale to be a secret. When the first buyer realized it wasn't a real sale, he didn't report the crime, but the second victim went to the police. Lustig escaped to the US.

Furguson first sold Nelson's Column in London, to an American, for £6,000. Americans were good customers; others paid for Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. Furguson's final 'sale' was the Statue of Liberty. This time he didn't succeed and went to prison.

Lustig's luck also ended and he died in Alcatraz. Furguson, however, left prison and lived comfortably in Los Angeles till he died.