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EXTENSION

Name:

1 Write the words below in your own language. You can use a dictionary.

1. hacker
2. fine
3. take a risk
4. cybercrime
5. break into

2 Read the text about a teen hacker. Then complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets according to the text. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous, affirmative or negative.

A Teen Hacker's Story

Owen Thor Walker from New Zealand is a computer expert and he works for a big company. His job is to make sure that hackers don't break into the company's computers. Walker is a hard-working, responsible and honest worker, but his boss took a risk when he gave him his job.

When Walker was a teenager, he was already very good with computers. He developed his computer skills by himself and became an expert in computer programming. But he didn't experiment with computers just for fun. He knew how to break into computers and find people's personal details. Walker didn't steal money while he was hacking into other people's computers, but he did help criminals break into computers of big companies. Walker wrote computer programs

for them and they used these programs to steal millions of dollars from companies all over the world.

In 2008, the police arrested Walker. He was a suspect in a serious crime. They thought Walker was stealing money and also helping cybercriminals. In court, the judge understood that Walker wasn't a thief, so he didn't send him to prison. In the end, Walker paid a large fine.

Today, many ex-hackers work for big companies. Some of them were in prison for several years and now use their computer skills to prevent cybercrime. However, other companies don't think this is a good idea. They don't want ex-hackers to work for them because they were criminals. What do you think?

1. Owen Thor Walker (get) a job with a big company.
2. He (learn) his computer skills at school.
3. He (find) people's personal information while he (hack) into computers.
4. While the criminals (steal) money from big companies with Walker's computer programs, Walker (continue) writing computer programs to help them.
5. The judge (think) that Walker was a criminal.
6. The ex-hackers (work) for big companies while they were in prison.

3 Answer the questions.

1. What does Walker do now?
2. Why did the police arrest him?
3. What was his punishment?
4. What type of work do many ex-hackers do?

4 What do you think Walker's boss asked him in his job interview? Write four questions.

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