Another set of case notes, another set of mistakes. I must do something about this secretary. Luckily I’ve got you to help me. The first task is to match the verbs on the right.

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**Vocabulary**

- thief: person who steals something
- lent (to lend): gave (to give) something to someone for a limited time, expecting them to return it

**GRAMMAR NOTES**

**Past simple negatives**

When we form negative sentences in the past simple tense, we use *didn’t* and the infinitive form of the verb.

Example: *I didn’t steal the ring.* I didn’t steal the ring.

Despite my explaining it to her several times, my secretary wasn’t always sure which verb form to use in the case notes below. Can you help her by choosing the correct words? Use my grammar notes on the left if you need to.
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The mother of the bride made six mistakes with past simple negatives. Maybe she was feeling nervous. I wrote down all the things she said below. Please can you cross out the mistakes and rewrite her sentences correctly? I might give the mother of the bride your corrections to try to… educate her. Or perhaps she made the mistakes on purpose?

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