

Inside Job

'We're at the crime scene now, Chief,' said policewoman Jessica Davies into the telephone's mouthpiece.

'Yes, that's right. Fitzpatrick's Jewellery Shop. Constable Roberts is interviewing Mr Fitzpatrick right now. He seems to think it was an 'inside job', carried out by someone who works here now or has worked here in the past. Okay, thanks Chief. I'll go and see what he's got to say. 'Bye now.'

Policewoman Davies went over to her partner, Constable Shaun Roberts, who was speaking to the owner, Albert Fitzpatrick.

'I got here early this morning as I always do,' said Fitzpatrick. 'When I opened the safe I could see straight away that the diamonds were missing. The thief, whoever he or she was, wasn't interested in anything else. The sapphires, rubies, emeralds and gold were all left alone.'

'I see,' said Constable Roberts. 'And you think the robbery was carried out by an insider—someone who works here. What makes you think that?'

'It's too neat. Nothing's been smashed or broken. The safe's been opened without explosives. I'll show you. It's in the room out the back. I'm certain someone's had duplicate keys made. Only my partner, Pete Moss, and myself have keys. We usually take it in turns opening the shop. Pete's on holiday at the moment so I've been getting things ready in the morning.'

'Does Mr Moss know about the robbery?' asked Constable Roberts.

'No, nobody does. As soon as I saw what had happened I rang you.'

Just then Wilbur Lawrence, an employee at the shop came in.

'Good morning, Mr Fitzpatrick. Say, what's going on? Why are the police here?' asked Lawrence.

'We've been robbed. I'll show you what was taken when the police have gone. This could ruin me,' said a worried Fitzpatrick.

'So, we're looking for a diamond thief. They put away Antony MacFarland, didn't they? His speciality was diamonds, wasn't it?' asked Lawrence.

'Yes, we got him and you might be sharing a cell with him soon,' said Policewoman Davies. 'I think you know quite a bit about this robbery, Mr Lawrence. Now, talk!'

See if you can use your comprehension and detective skills as well as Policewoman Davies. Why did she think that Lawrence had something to do with the robbery?



1. Did you know that there are seven smaller words of two letters or more hiding in POLICEWOMAN. They are police, woman, man, an, ice, lice and *Oman (*a country in the Middle East).

Now see if you can find seven smaller words hiding in INTERVIEWING.

- (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
 (e) * _____ (f) _____
 (g) _____

* Means 'to bury'.

Thinking skills through comprehension

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2. Write short answers to the questions below.

- (a) Where was the crime committed? _____

 (b) Which two police officers attended the crime scene?

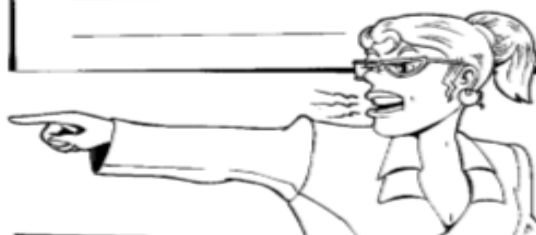
 (c) What is meant by an 'inside job'? _____

 (d) Which two men were partners in the jewellery shop?

 (e) What was stolen? _____
 (f) What was left behind? _____

 (g) Why did Mr Fitzpatrick think it was an inside job?

3. Now that you have gathered the clues, can you tell why Policewoman Davies suspected that Lawrence was involved in the robbery? Good detective work is not about isolated incidents but about the overall picture.



- (h) Who had keys to the shop? _____

 (i) Where was Pete Moss when the crime took place?

 (j) Apart from Fitzpatrick and the police, who knew about the robbery? _____
 (k) Which employee walked in? _____

 (l) What did Mr Fitzpatrick say he would show the employee when the police left? _____

 (m) What did Antony MacFarland specialise in stealing?

 (n) Why couldn't MacFarland be the thief? _____

4. Match the jewels with their descriptions. You may need to use a dictionary.

amethyst diamond emerald
sapphire ruby

- (a) precious stone consisting of a violet or purple type of quartz

 (b) precious stone that varies in colour from red to pale rose

 (c) bright green precious stone

 (d) a transparent blue precious stone

 (e) clear colourless crystal form of pure carbon

Writing – Task Two

Use the ideas below to write a story from an animal's perspective:

Animal adventure

Write about a group of animals who live in a forest. One day they learn that humans are going to clear the trees and build a shopping mall. Their homes will be destroyed. What happens next?

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Animal facts

Sometimes an interesting fact can lead to a great story idea, so you may find it useful to do some research into the animals you choose to write about.

Questions

- What kind of animals are they? Are they a family of the same species, or sworn enemies who are forced to work together?
- What is their home like? Does it have tall trees to climb or thick undergrowth to hide in? Is it hot and wet or cold and dry?
- Do the animals rely on their senses? Can they sniff out danger? Can they see or hear things that humans can't?
- What do the animals look like? Do they have thick, padded paws, slimy scales or sticky-slippery bodies?
- How do they move? Do they hop, dither or scurry?
- Do the animals defend the humans, or do they have to find a new home?

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silky-soft fur

scuttle

danger

frozen with fire

growl

undergrowth

whimper

snarl

bounding

burrows

crawl

slimy skin

panic

powerful

fall

fierce

protective

rough tongue

keen-eyed



