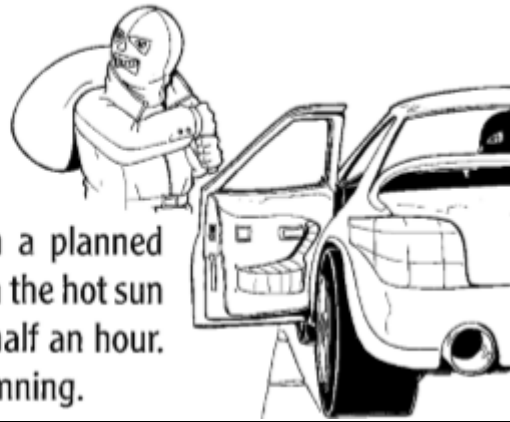


Crooks Never Prosper

‘C’mon you mug,’ said three time loser, ‘Moose’ Bullman.

Bullman was the getaway driver in a planned robbery. Already, he’d been waiting in the hot sun of the open air carpark for close to half an hour. All that time, the motor had been running.



At last he saw the bank’s doors burst open and his accomplice, ‘Ferret’ Ferguson, raced over to the waiting car. Ferguson, too, had a string of armed robberies to his name.

‘What took you so long?’ yelled Moose angrily.

‘Damn front door. I tried to push it open but it wouldn’t go,’ answered Ferret.

‘You mean the door with the ‘Pull’ sign on it?’ asked Moose. ‘I told you to be careful of that. That’s how the police caught you last time.’

‘Aw, just shut up and drive,’ said Ferret.

Spinning the wheels in the carpark, Moose took off and was out of sight in no time.

Ferret put the cash-filled money bag on the back seat of the car.

Before the police arrived at the crime scene, Moose had made a clean getaway and had the car under cover in his lockup garage.

Laughing, giving each other ‘high fives’ and punching each other on the shoulder, the two crooks went inside. A mere minute later, two police officers knocked on Moose’s front door. They’d come to return some car parts which

they suspected Moose of stealing. Luckily for the two ‘crims’, the police were unable to prove their suspicions.

‘Okay, coppers. Bring ‘em in here,’ said Moose, smirking as he led them into the garage.

‘What a laugh!’ thought the two criminals. A few minutes earlier they’d cleaned out the bank and now had two policemen returning stolen property to them. What made it a greater laugh still was that the money from the robbery was in the bag on the back seat, staring the two policemen in the face.

Policeman Dave Santini looked at Moose’s beautifully polished car. Though he looked like a grub himself, Moose was devoted to that car. Santini went to place his hand on the car to feel the glossy paintwork but then pulled it away sharply.

‘Nice motor,’ said PC Victor Fox, Santini’s partner. Then, looking at Moose, he asked, ‘Been anywhere in it lately?’


‘No, it’s been in the garage all morning,’ answered Ferret. ‘Go ahead, touch it. You’ll never own one on a copper’s wage,’ he added.

‘Yeah, don’t you coppers think of changing sides? After all, ‘crims’ get

away with a lot, live well on the takings. Not that we agree with it, mind you ... us being clean living citizens and all’ said Moose.

‘Uh-huh,’ said PC Fox, lifting an eyebrow. ‘You say the car’s been in the garage all morning, eh? Well I don’t believe you.’

‘Why would you be lying to us if you didn’t have anything to hide? Mind if we have a closer look?’ asked Constable Santini. ‘Say, Moose, what’s this on the back seat?’ asked Santini, pointing to the cash-filled bag.

Moose and Ferret ran for it but were rounded up a few days later. Both are serving lengthy stretches inside for armed robbery. 

Something aroused PC Santini’s suspicion and led to him asking for a ‘closer look’. Use your comprehension and detective skills to find out what it was.

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1. Write short answers to the questions below.

- (a) What was 'Moose' Bullman's part in the bank robbery?

- (b) What sort of day was it? _____
- (c) For how long had he been waiting in the car?

- (d) What was Ferguson's nickname? _____
- (e) Why had Ferguson found it difficult to open the door?

- (f) Where did Ferguson put the cash-filled bag?

- (g) What did Bullman do with the car after the robbery?

- (h) What three things did Bullman and Ferguson do as they went inside the house?

- (i) How long after Bullman and Ferguson went inside did the police arrive? _____
- (j) Why were the police there? _____

- (k) What description is given of Bullman's car?

- (l) What is Bullman described as looking like?

- (m) Why did Santini reach out to touch the car?

- (n) What did he do next? _____

- (o) Where did Bullman say the car had been all morning?

- (p) Why did Bullman suggest that the police change sides and become 'crims'? _____

- (q) Why did Santini ask for 'a closer look'? _____

- (r) Where are 'Moose' and 'Ferret' now? _____



Writing – Task Two

Use the ideas below to write a school journal:

School journal

Monday:

One way to get inside the head of a character is to write as though he or she is telling a story about him- or herself, perhaps in a letter or a diary.

This means that - instead of writing about the character as "he" or "she" - you write from the "I" point of view.

Fill in this journal to tell the story of a character's first week at a new school.

Questions to think about

- What kind of school is it?
- What are the teachers like?
- Where is it?
- What class does it have?
- How is it different from your character's previous school?
- Does he or she join any clubs?
- Who does your character think he or she will be friends with?
- Is there anyone he or she doesn't like?
- Does he or she get into trouble?
- Is there anything most week that your character is looking forward to, or dreading?

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playing fields
best friend
library
nervous
uniform
worst enemy
late for class
cheating
teacher's pet
homework
class clown
dormitory
clever
bunsen burners
detention
A-grade
pushing shoving
locker room
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Tuesday:

Wednesday:



Five classes I enjoyed:



Thursday:



Friday:



The weekend:

