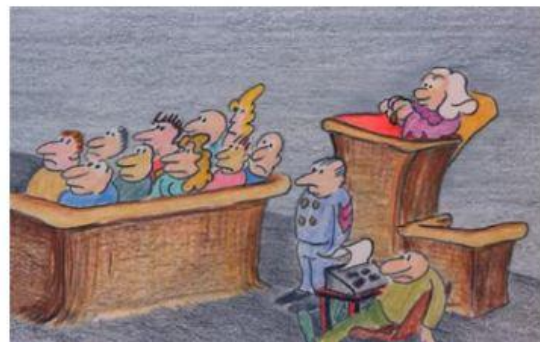


Look at the pictures. Make up a short story based on them.

You may use the following questions as prompts:

What time of the year is it? What is the woman telling the man? How are they related to each other? What happened? Who drove away in the car?



You are going to watch the Special Delivery cartoon. First, watch it step by step.

00:00 – 01:21 Read out loud, and then choose the correct option:

1. Alice left home that day to go to
 - a) her karate class
 - b) her Pilates class
 - c) her judo class



2. Before Ralph left for work he should have
 - a) watered the garden
 - b) picked lentils out of cinders
 - c) cleaned off the front walk
3. When Ralph came home, on his doorsteps, he found
 - a) a neighbor who had fallen asleep.
 - b) a body of a thief shot by Alice.
 - c) a mailman who had slipped on the ice that Ralph hadn't cleaned away.
4. Ralph decided he
 - a) would bury the body in the garden before anyone noticed.

- b) would put the body into the trunk of his car and dump it somewhere before Alice came back home.
- c) would dissolve the body in sulfuric acid in the bathtub before anyone noticed.



“A problem struck him.” – What do you think the problem was?

01:21 – 01:58

If the police investigated the disappearance of the mailman, there was a rather obvious clue: all the houses on the mailman's route preceding his own would have had a mail delivery that day, those after his – would not. Ralph wondered if he should turn himself in. He remembered that a mailman had once broken his leg on a friend's property. That had cost the friend a lot of money. A broken neck was probably considered as bad as ten broken legs.



Find in the excerpt above words that match the definitions:

- a) a piece of land often with buildings on it that is owned by a person, business, etc. – _____
- b) existing, happening, or coming before – _____
- c) to deliver to an authority – to _____ in _____
- d) something that guides through an intricate procedure or maze of difficulties – _____
- e) a line of travel – _____

What should Ralph do?

01:58 – 02:47

Complete the sentences.

Ralph poured himself a drink to _____ .

Then he undressed the mailman and leaving the mailman comfortably in a _____ ,

put on the man's uniform and went out to _____ .

No one noticed that it was Ralph delivering the mail _____ .



When he got home he found that his key _____ , not in the mailman's pants.

02:27 – 03:21

True or False?

1. Ralph tried to kick down the door. T F
2. He called the police. T F
3. The policemen accused him of trying to break into the house. T F
4. Ralph didn't claim that it was his house. T F
5. Ralph forgot that there was a body in his living room and wouldn't drop the subject. T F
6. The policemen took Ralph away. T F

What do you think happened next?

03:22 – 04:35

Fill the gaps with verb forms

When Alice came home, she found that the window _____ forced open. She _____ the mailman, the pile of clothing and the open bottle.

She'd had an affair with the mailman some months before. She'd _____ with him, but it _____ he had to come back.



He _____ into the house to see her.

And not finding her, _____ half a bottle of whiskey, _____ off his clothes and _____ into a stupor.

That was just like him, she thought.



04:12 – 04:36

Put Alice's actions in order.

- ___1___ she dressed the mailman
- _____ carried him up the stairs
- _____ put him to bed
- _____ she noticed he wasn't breathing
- _____ Another possibility occurred to her.
- _____ put him in the car
- _____ drove to his apartment
- _____ gave him a last kiss

04:45 – 05:13



What did Alice think Ralph had done?

What did Alice think Ralph was doing right at that moment?

Where did Alice drive to?

What new name did she give herself?



05:26 – 07:08

1. Who paid the bail and why?
2. What did Ralph do to the mailman's uniform?
3. How did the coroner explain the broken neck?
4. Did Ralph develop a habit to clean off the walk?



Why do you think the cartoon is called Special Delivery?