

Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer the questions

Dana Miller is a bus driver. She works the night shift. That means she starts work at 10:00 at night and gets off at 6:00 in the morning.

Dana has been driving a bus for 15 years. She started when she was 23-years-old. She loves her job most of the time. She gets to see the beautiful city from her seat and she also gets to meet all kinds of people.

There is the guitar player. He takes his heavy guitar on the bus every Friday night. He plays at a night spot downtown. People call him Get Low. That is because he likes to play the guitar on his knees. If the bus is not too crowded, Get Low plays in the back of the bus. The bus is seldom crowded at night.

There is the woman who works at the cake factory. Each day the "Cake Lady" brings Dana a bag of fresh, soft cakes. They fill the bus with a wonderful smell!

Sometimes Dana's job is hard. One time, a young woman left her sleeping baby on the bus. There was a note on the baby's blanket asking for help. Dana had to call the police.

Another time, a teenage boy stole money from Dana on the bus. He had a fake gun but Dana thought it was real. She was very scared.

Occasionally, driving the bus can be scary. But most of the time, driving the bus is great. Dana does not want to work anywhere else.



1. How long has Dana been a bus driver?

2. The guitar player seldom plays at the back of the bus.

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3. What did Dana do when she found the sleeping baby?

4. Occasionally, the Cake Lady brings Dana cakes.

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5. Why was Dana scared once?

2. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. When you see a + use a modal

"A Mystery"

"Something is very wrong," says the detective.

"I know!" says Ms. Gervis. "It is wrong that someone _____ (steal) from me!"

The detective looks around Ms. Gervis' apartment. "That is not what I _____ (talk) about ma'am. What is wrong is that I do not understand how the robber _____ (get) in and out."

"The robber did not come through the window," says the detective. "These windows _____ (not open) or shut for months."

"I have no idea how he _____ (do) it," says a bothered Ms. Gervis. "It is a big mystery."

"And you say the robber stole nothing else?" asks the detective. "No money, no jewelry, no crystal?"

"That's right, detective. He took only what was important to me," Ms. Gervis says with a sigh. "There is only one thing I _____ (+do) now."

"And what is that?" the detective asks with surprise.

"I _____ (+stop) baking cakes," Ms. Gervis says. "They are mine to give away. They are not for someone _____ (steal)."

"You can't do that!" says the detective with alarm. "Who _____ (bake) those delicious cakes?"

I _____ (+solve) this case immediately!" says the detective.



3. Read about chief police Wilcox and complete the blanks with only one word

Frank Wilcox has been chief of police in Lansett County for 25 years. He had _____ turned 30 when he took the job.

He has seen murders, robberies, cats stuck in trees. He has found missing children. But today would be _____ no other.

It is 11:00 at night. "Chief Wilcox," calls an officer walking quickly into his office. It is Officer Simpson. He _____ nervous. He looks _____ he would like to be anywhere else but there.

"What is it, Simpson?" asks the Chief.

"There was an armed robbery at Holman's Grocery," Simpson says. His voice is shaky.

"_____ anyone hurt?" asks Chief. Lansett is a very small county. The Chief knows just about everyone _____ lives there. _____ anyone was hurt, there is a good chance he knows who it was. Maybe that's _____ Officer Simpson looks nervous.

"No one was hurt," says Simpson. "But we caught the suspect."

"Ah, well, Simpson. You guys can take care of that. I'm--," Chief Wilcox stops in mid sentence. He understands _____ is wrong. From behind Officer Simpson, the Chief sees his youngest daughter, Devon. She is in handcuffs.

Chief Wilcox gets a lump in his throat. He sits in his chair, stunned. "_____ is this possible?" he thinks.



4. Read about this phone call and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word

When the phone rang at Pratt Taylor's house it was nearly three in the morning.

"Mr Taylor. Thank goodness. I need your help," a voice said on the other end. It was _____ a desperate voice that Pratt got worried. He knew the voice. _____, he could not quite place it.

"Mr Taylor!" the man said again in a loud whisper. "I am in jail."

Then the fog cleared. Nearly ten years had passed _____ their last encounter.

_____, Pratt was able to recognize the voice. It belonged to Martin Hall _____ was one of the most brilliant students he had ever had. But _____ Pratt recalled that Martin was as brilliant at Math _____ any teacher could expect, he was not _____ good as his classmates at staying out of trouble. Pratt remembered that when Martin graduated, he had not only congratulated him but _____ told him, "Call me _____ case there is anything you ever need."



5. Complete the dialogue between Pratt and Martin.

Martin: Mr Taylor, I need your help!

Pratt: _____ ?

Martin: I need you to lend me money to get out of jail.

Pratt: Martin, _____ ?

Martin: I can't tell you now. I'll tell you when I get out. _____ a thousand dollars?

Pratt: Well, yes, but I need some time.

Martin: _____ ?

Pratt: I think I can get the money in about an hour. You'll have to wait.

Martin: Ok. _____ here?

Pratt: I suppose so. You need to give me the exact address.

6. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following:

- The best job in the world
- Write a letter or n e-mail to a friend telling him / her about a police story that you heard about.