

5 The meeting in the library

'Ladies and gentlemen,' Inspector Kenton said. 'Somebody in this room isn't telling the truth.'

Everybody looked at each other.

'Mr Sachs,' Inspector Kenton continued, 'Trevor Marshall was your wife's brother. Your wife is very ill. But Marshall refused to pay for your wife's operation.'

'Yes, that's right, Inspector,' Sachs agreed.

'Last night you had an argument with Marshall and he hit you.'

'Yes,' said Sachs. 'But I didn't kill Marshall. I went to my room and phoned my wife. I told her everything. She asked me to talk to Marshall once more. I went back to his office. He was dead in his chair.'

'When did you phone your wife?' the inspector asked.

'At about ten o'clock – or was it a quarter past ten? I'm sorry. I can't remember.' Sachs put his head in his hands.

'Please try to remember, Mr Sachs,' the inspector said. 'It's very important.'

'Excuse me, Inspector. I think I can help you.' It was Miss Lang.

Everybody looked at the little American woman.

'What's that, Miss Lang?' asked the inspector.

'Last night, just after ten o'clock, I went up to my room to get my glasses. I met Mr Sachs coming downstairs.'

Sachs lifted his head. 'That's a lie,' he shouted.

Inspector Kenton turned to Sachs. 'Did you leave your room before you phoned your wife?' he asked.

'No, I didn't. Ask the maid. She saw me in my room.'

'Go and get the maid, Woods,' said the inspector. Everybody waited in silence.



Read the text and choose the correct option.

1. The guests are in the library listening to Inspector Kenton, but the inspector is mainly talking to

Mr Watkins
Pierre Sachs
Mr Sabatini

2. Pierre Sachs talked to the police on the phone in his room.
to Trevor Marshall
to his wife

3. Pierre Sachs talked to his wife at around eight o'clock
nine o'clock
ten o'clock

4. Mrs Sabatini
Miss Lang said she saw Pierre Sachs coming down the stairs just after ten o'clock.
Mrs Watkins

5. Pierre Sachs said Miss Lang was wrong
lying
right