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The Murders in the Rue Morgue

1. Vocabulary: Read the definitions and match them with the words from the box

AGILE - BRUISE - FOREIGNER - NAIL - ORANG-OUTANG - PECULIAR - RAZOR - SAILOR - SHUTTERS - WITNESS

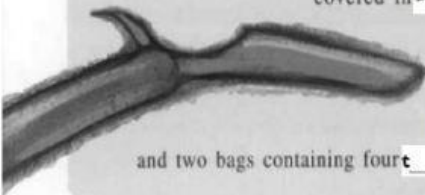
- A dark mark on your skin (sometimes dark brown, purple or green) that shows you have been hit by something _____
- A kind of knife used by men to shave their beards _____
- A person who hears or sees something happening and can tell the police details about it _____
- A person who is not from your country _____
- A small piece of metal, which you hit into wood to join things together _____
- A thing like a door which covers the outside of a window _____
- An animal like a large monkey, with long arms and big hands _____
- A person who works and lives on a boat or ship _____
- Someone who can move very quickly and easily _____
- Very strange and unusual. Not common _____

2. Complete the newspaper first newspaper article about the murders. Write ONE word in each blank. You have the initials to help you

EXTRAORDINARY MURDERS

This morning at about three o'clock, a number of terrible screams awoke the inhabitants¹ of the Quartier St. Roch. The screams were coming from the fourth f____ of a house in the Rue Morgue. Only t____ people lived there: Madame² L'Espanaye and her d____ Mademoiselle³ Camille L'Espanaye. After several attempts, neighbours finally entered the house together with two policemen. By this time there were no more screams. But as the group ran up the stairs, they heard two more angry v____ coming from the upper part of the house. However, when they got to the fourth floor there was again silence. They divided up into small groups, moving from room to room. They finally arrived at a back room. The scene they discovered there was almost too horrible to describe.

The apartment was in great disorder. The furniture was broken and the bed lay in the middle of the floor. On a chair was a razor covered in b____. Bloody lengths of human hair lay in the fireplace. On the floor there were three large s____ spoons, an ear-ring and two bags containing four t____ francs in gold. The



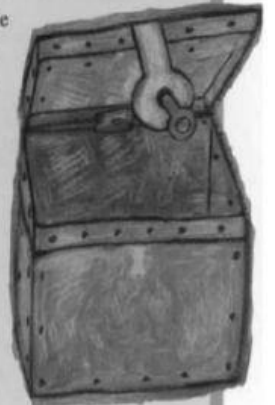
drawers of a desk which stood in one corner were open and papers were scattered about.¹

Under the bed was an open safe with the key still in the door. It contained a few letters and other papers but nothing of any importance.

There was no sign of Madame L'Espanaye. But somebody noticed there was an extraordinary quantity of soot² in the fireplace. And so they searched the ch____. There they found the dead body of the daughter. The body was quite warm. A doctor examined it and found many bruises³ and cuts. On the throat there were several dark bruises and f____ marks. This suggested only one thing. Strangulation.⁴

They searched the rest of the house but found nothing. Finally they went into the small g____ at the back of the house. There they found the body of the old lady. Her throat was completely cut and when two men tried to raise her, the head fell off. The body itself was completely mutilated.⁵ It didn't look human.

No one has yet found a clue that could help to solve this mystery.



3. Read and choose the correct option

a. *What did the narrator and Auguste Dupin have in common?*

- a. They were childhood friends
- b. They loved reading and preferred nighttime
- c. They loved detective stories

b. *How did they find out about the murders in the rue Morgue?*

- a. They read about them in the Gazette
- b. They heard the news on the radio
- c. They were walking at night and heard the screams

c. *Why were the police so confused about the murders?*

- a. Because Madame L'espagnaye had a lot of enemies
- b. Because the crimes were very brutal and the murderer didn't steal anything
- c. Because nothing was broken in the room

d. *According to the witnesses, the languages spoken by the second voice were:*

- a. Spanish, Russian, Indian, French and English
- b. Spanish, Russian, German, Indian and English
- c. Spanish, Italian, Russian, German and English

e. *How did the murderer get in and out of the room?*

- a. It climbed up and down using the shutters and the lightning rods
- b. It got in through the door and escaped through the window using the shutters
- c. It jumped from the fourth floor to the street

f. *What did Dupin take from Mademoiselle L'espagnaye's hand?*

- a. Some gold coins
- b. Some animal hair
- c. Some blood

g. *What was special about the finger marks on Madame L'espagnaye's neck?*

- a. The hands were too big to be human
- b. The hands were too small to be human
- c. The hands belonged to a strong man

h. *How did Dupin contact the sailor?*

- a. He phoned him and told him he had found an orang-outang
- b. He wrote him a letter and told him he had found an orang-outang
- c. He put an advertisement in the newspaper and told him he had found an orang-outang

i. *What was the monkey doing when the sailor went back to his apartment?*

- a. He was eating a banana
- b. He was trying to shave his face
- c. He was jumping on the bed

j. *What happened to the monkey in the end?*

- a. It was taken back to the African jungle
- b. It was taken to prison
- c. It was sold to a zoo



4. Match the 2 halves of the sentences

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| 1. The police arrested Adolphe Le Bon... | a. spoke a foreign language but they didn't know exactly which one |
| 2. Dupin was waiting for a visitor... | b. belonged to a Frenchman |
| 3. The witnesses said that the first voice... | c. but they didn't have evidence to arrest him |
| 4. The witnesses said that the second voice... | d. and get into the room easily |
| 5. The windows were closed with nails on the inside... | e. because he was scared |
| 6. An agile person could climb up the shutters... | f. who had information about the murders |
| 7. The orang-outang killed the women... | g. but the nail in the second window was broken |
| 8. The sailor didn't want to go to the police... | h. because it was angry with the sailor |

5. Find the words in the wordsearch (use different colours!)

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Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

CHIMNEY
ENGLISH
FIREPLACE
FOREIGNER
FRENCH
GERMAN
GOLD

ITALIAN
MORGUE
MURDER
ORANGOUTANG
PARIS
RAZOR
RUSSIAN

SAILOR
SHUTTER
SPANISH
SPOON

6. LISTENING: Watch the video “10 COOL FACTS ABOUT ORANG OUTANGS” and write T (true) or F (false)

- a. The word ORANG OUTANG means “People of the forest” ____
- b. You can find orang outangs in America ____
- c. There are three different species of orang outangs ____
- d. They are found in 2 islands called Sumatra and Borneo and Indonesia ____
- e. There are more than 7500 Tapanuli orang outangs in the world now ____
- f. The males are heavier than the females ____
- g. They spend a lot of time up in the trees ____
- h. They eat fruit, insects and meat ____
- i. They can live up to 45 years ____
- j. They are in danger of extinction ____

