

Read the following story.

### A Robbery

It was ten in the morning. Diana Jewellery Shop had just opened its doors for business. After a few minutes, a few people entered the shop and looked at the jewellery **displayed** on the glass cases.



Rafiah was behind the counter attending to the needs of a mother and her daughter. <sup>1</sup>**They** wanted to buy some diamond jewellery but they were **unsure** about what to select. Rafiah patiently took out some diamond bracelets and necklaces for the pair to look at to. On the opposite corner, a man was also looking at a diamond ring, attended by another shopkeeper.

The peaceful morning was disrupted when two masked men rushed into the shop armed with revolvers.

"This is a robbery! Get down on your knees and do not look at us!" <sup>2</sup>**they** bellowed.

Screams filled the air as the mother and daughter crouched in one corner in terror. Rafiah herself got down on <sup>3</sup>**her** knees as instructed and frantically surveyed the counter for the alarm button. Meanwhile, the robbers began smashing the glass display and stuffing the jewellery into the bags.

Rafiah soon found the alarm button and stretched out her leg **discreetly** to press <sup>4</sup>**it**. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers **attempted** to escape. As they were about to dash out of the shop, two police cars screeched to a halt outside the shop and several policemen swiftly ran out of their cars. <sup>5</sup>**They** surrounded the shop and ordered the robbers to surrender.

Realising that they could not escape, the robbers turned themselves in. Later, the police revealed that the robbers were only carrying **harmless** toy pistols. Rafiah was very relieved that nobody was hurt and that they managed to recover the jewellery.



Questions 1- 5



Look at the words which are numbered and in bold in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answer in the spaces provided.

1. <sup>1</sup>**They** = \_\_\_\_\_

2. <sup>2</sup>**they** = \_\_\_\_\_

3. <sup>3</sup>**her** = \_\_\_\_\_

4. <sup>4</sup>**it** = \_\_\_\_\_

5. <sup>5</sup>**They** = \_\_\_\_\_

Questions 6 – 10

Underline the correct meaning of the words as it is used in the passage.

6. **displayed** means

a) covered

b) taken

c) shown

d) sold

7. **unsure** means

a) certain

b) not true

c) true

d) not certain

8. **discreetly** means

a) carefully

b) quickly

c) shortly

d) madly

9. **attempted** means

a) took

b) got

c) surprised

d) tried

10. **harmless** means

a) safe

b) dangerous

c) harmful

d) threatening

**Questions 11- 15**

**Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

11. Where and when did the robbery happen?

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12. What did the mother and daughter want to buy?

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13. How many people were in the shop when the robbery took place?

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14. What did Rafiah do to stop the robbery?

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15. How did Rafiah feel when the robbers were caught?

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