Lamb to the Slaughter

Match the two halves of each sentence.

1. Mary Maloney was looking forward to
2. Patrick Maloney poured himself a drink
3. He assured Mary and the baby about to be born
4. Mary acted as if nothing had happened and
5. Mary took out a frozen leg of lamb from the freezer and
6. Patrick fell dead on the floor and Mary
7. Mary phoned a friend to say they wouldn't be able
8. Mary arranged the crime scene to make it look
9. When questioned by the police inspector,
10. The forensic thought Patrick can't have been hit
11. The forensic assumed he must have been
12. The inspector insisted on finding out

put the leg of lamb in the oven to be cooked.
Mary said she had gone out for some vegetables.
if Patrick may have been worried about something.
to attend the dinner they had arranged,
with a sharp object since the skin was unharmed.
hit Patrick in the back of the neck with it,
as if there had been a burglary.
her husband's arrival from work.
went to the kitchen to cook supper,
and asked Mary for a divorce.
hit with a club of sone sort.
would be taken care of.

Choose the right option.

While Mary _____ Patrick had just seemed to be tired, the fact that he had taken a straight drink, without soda or ice, with his coat on made Inspector Noonan _____ that Patrick was desperately worried about something. Noonan ordered his officers to search the garden for the

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murder _____, while he himself would go over the inside of the house. Noonan didn't think it was _____ murder, nor a professional job, but the result of a _____. He told Mary that this person may have _____ something that was close at hand and swung it at her husband. He asked her if she knew if there was something in that room which _____ been used as a weapon, but Mary wasn't of much help. He _____ Mary should go with him as he searched all the rooms in the house. After some time, Noonan told one of the officers he didn't think there had been a fight but someone had _____ things to make it look as there had been one. He believed so because of the type of _____ and because there were no _____ on Patrick's body. Another _____ was that Patrick hadn't drawn his gun because he hadn't felt he was being _____. Just then they realized the oven was still on, so they took out the leg of lamb and turned the oven off. It was really late by now and Mary _____ for not having offered them a cup of coffee. Right then, Mary got the idea of _____ the officers to eat the leg of lamb. At first, they refused, but Mary insisted and they eventually agreed. Over the meal they talked about the murder weapon. Noonan believed it was in the house and added it _____ right under their noses. And in the next room, Mary laughed.



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