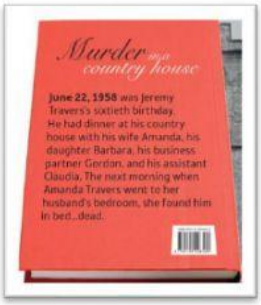
MURDER IN A COUNTRY HOUSE

READING

A) Read the cover of a murder story. Do you think one of these characters is the murderer?

June 22, 1958 was Jeremy Travers's sixtieth birthday. He had dinner at his country house with his wife Amanda, his daughter Barbara, his business partner Gordon, and his assistant Claudia. The next morning when Amanda Travers went to her husband's bedroom, she found him in bed...dead.



60th – **sixtieth** – sexagésimo
Murder: asesinato
Murderer: asesino
Partner: socio
Moustache: bigote
Dead: muerto
Truth: verdad
Business: negocio

B) Read and listen to the story.

Detective Granger arrived at about 9:00. He was a tall man with big black moustache. Amanda, Barbara, Claudia, and Gordon were in the living room. The detective came in.

"Mr. Travers died between midnight last night and seven o'clock this morning," he said. "Somebody in this room killed him." He looked at them one by one, but nobody spoke.

"Mrs. Travers, I want to talk to you first. Come into the library with me, please."

Amanda Travers followed the detective into the library and they sat down.

"What did your husband do after dinner last night?"

"When we finished dinner, Jeremy said he was tired and he went to bed."

"Did you go to bed then?"

"No, I didn't. I went for a walk in the yard."

"What time did you go to bed?"

"About quarter to twelve."

"Was your husband asleep?"

"I don't know, Detective. We...we slept in separate rooms. But I saw that his door was closed."

"Did you hear anything when you were in your room?"

"Yes, I heard Jeremy's bedroom door. It opened. I thought it was Jeremy. Then it closed again. I read in bed for half an hour and then I went to sleep."

"What time did you get up this morning?"

"I got up at about 7:15. I had breakfast and at 8:00 I took my husband a cup of tea. I found him in bed. He was...dead."

"Tell me, Mrs. Travers, did you love your husband?"

"Jeremy is...was a difficult man."

"But did you love him, Mrs. Travers?"

"No, Detective. I hated him".

LIVEWORKSHEETS

C) Read again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Somebody killed Jeremy between 12:00 a.m. and 2:00.
2. The detective questioned Amanda in the living room.
3. Jeremy went to bed before Amanda.
4. Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room.
5. Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door.
6. Amanda got up at 7:00.
7. Amanda didn't love Jeremy.

LISTENIG

D) Listen to the detective question Barbara, Gordon and Claudia. Choose the correct options.

	Amanda	*Barbara*	*Gordon*	*Claudia*
What did they do after dinner?	*She went for a walk.*			
What time did they go to bed?	*11:45.*			
Did they hear anything?	*Jeremy's door opened and closed.*			
Possible motive?	*She hated him.*			

E) Read and listen again. Check your answers.

Barbara's interview (Jeremy's daughter)

N = narrator, **D** =detective, **B** = Barbara

N Then the detective questioned Barbara Travers.
D What did you do after dinner yesterday evening?
B After dinner? I played cards with Gordon, and then I went to bed.
D What time was that?
B It was about eleven thirty. I remember I looked at my watch.
D Did you hear anything in your father's room?
B No. I didn't hear anything.
D Miss Travers, did you have any problems with your father?
B No, I didn't have any problems with him at all. My father was a wonderful man and ... a wonderful father. I'm sorry, Detective.
D Don't worry, Miss Travers. No more questions.

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Gordon's interview (Jeremy's partner)

N = narrator, **D** = detective, **G** = Gordon

N Next the detective questioned Gordon Smith.
D What did you do after dinner, Gordon?
G I played cards with Barbara. Then she went to bed.
D Did you go to bed then?
G No. I stayed in the living room and I had a cup of tea. Then I went to bed.
D What time was that?
G I don't remember exactly. I didn't look at the time.
D Did you hear anything during the night?
G No, I didn't. I was very tired. I slept very well.
D You and Mr. Travers were business partners, weren't you?
G Yes, that's right.
D And it's a very good business, I understand.
G Yes, Detective, it is.
D And now it is your business.
G Listen, Detective, I did not kill Jeremy. He was my partner and he was my friend.

Claudia's interview (Jeremy's assistant)

N = narrator, **D** = detective, **C** = Claudia

N Finally, the detective questioned Claudia Simeone.
D What did you do yesterday evening, after dinner?
C I went to my room and I took a bath and I went to bed.
D What time was that?
C About 11 o'clock.
D Did you hear anything?
C Yes. I heard somebody go into Jeremy's room. It was about 12 o'clock.
D Who was it?
C It was Amanda, his wife.
D Are you sure? Did you see her?
C Well, no, I didn't see her. But I'm sure it was Amanda.
D You were Mr. Travers's assistant, Claudia.
C Yes, I was.
D Were you just his assistant?
C What do you mean?
D Were you in love with Mr. Travers?
C No, I wasn't.
D The truth please, Claudia.
C Fine, Detective. Yes, I was in love with him, and he said he was in love with me. He said he wanted to leave his wife - Amanda- and marry me. I was stupid. I believed him. He used me, Detective! I was very angry with him.
D Did you kill him?
C No, Detective, I loved Jeremy.

Who do you think is the murderer?

F) Now listen to what happened. Who was the murderer? Why did he/she kill Mr. Travers? Were you right?

LIVEWORKSHEETS