Reading Ex. > The Cartoonist vs. The Burglar

WILLIAM ELLIS GREEN, aged 82, was making his breakfast when he heard somebody in his garden. 'I went out of the back door and suddenly I saw this bloke running towards me. He pushed me out of the way and took my bicycle from the garden shed.' Mr Green did not resist, as he knew he would come off second best in a fight with the intruder. The burglar tried to cycle away, but the tyres on the bike were flat so it was difficult to ride. 'He kept falling off the bicycle,' said Mr Green, 'at least three or four times.' After the man had fled, Mr Green called the local police.

When they arrived officers asked him to describe the man, but instead he offered to draw them a picture. 'When Mr Green started drawing,' said one of the police officers, 'I knew straight away who the burglar was.' In fact Mr Green had worked for more than 20 years in daily newspapers doing caricatures of Australian footballers. 'I had no difficulty in remembering the man's face because he was so close to me,' he said.

Police cruised the neighbourhood in a patrol car with the sketch in search of the alleged burglar and they found him within half an hour. 'The cartoon was a perfect likeness of the burglar,' said another police officer.

Police believe that this is the first time they have ever caught a suspect with a cartoon sketch. Phil Rushford, a senior police constable, said that in the past some victims had used their mobile phones to take photographs at crime scenes, but they had not been as effective.

A 34-year-old man is expected to be charged with theft, burglary, and assault. The missing bike was later found in a road nearby.

A. Complete each sentence using NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) WORDS from the text above.

1. William Ellis _____ at home before the man took his bicycle.
2. William Ellis _____ instead of giving a description of the criminal.
3. William had worked _____ of players for nearly two decades.
4. The police arrested _____ few minutes later.
5. In previous cases _____ taken by victims were not as effective as this cartoon sketch.

B. Choose the best answer.

1. **'come off second best'** *(line 5)* may be replaced by ___
   a. fight with difficulty
   b. act violently in a situation
   c. lose in a competition
2. **'straight away'** *(line 11)* may be replaced by ____.
   a. in one direction **b.** instantly **c.** eventually
3. **'cruised'** *(line 15)* may be replaced by ____.
   a. drove around slowly
   b. looked everywhere
   c. went at top speed
4. **'likeness'** *(line 17)* may be replaced by ____.
   a. similarity **b.** example **c.** description
5. **'charged with'** *(line 22)* may be replaced by ___.
   a. suspected of **b.** accused of **c.** sentenced to

C. Find ONE synonym into the text for the following words.

1. man *(paragraph 1)*: _____
2. near *(paragraph 2)*: _____
3. ideal *(paragraph 3)*: _____
4. higher-ranking *(paragraph 4)*: _____
5. lost *(paragraph 5)*: _____

D. Based on the text, decide if the statements below are true (T), false (F), or not given (NG).

1. The accused had committed other crimes before. ____
2. The accused fell off the bike due to nervousness. ____
3. William knew the criminal, so he could draw his face easily. ____
4. This was the first crime William was a victim of theft. ____
5. Police had never caught suspects before using cartoon sketches. ____



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