

DETECTIVE STORIES



Yesterday night somebody broke into our neighbor's house. He stole everything he found. They saw him while he was running away but they couldn't catch him. This morning an inspector came and asked some questions:

The inspector also asked Mrs. White some questions:

The Inspector: **What?** were you doing when your husband was in the kitchen?

Mrs. White: While I was watching the movie I was drinking my coffee.

The Inspector: Coffee? But your husband was preparing tea.

Mrs. White: Tea? No... We didn't drink tea last night.

The Inspector: OK. What was he doing in the kitchen?

Mrs. White: He was thirsty. He wanted to drink water.

The Inspector: Hmm. What happened then?

Mrs. White: A friend of him called him and he went out to help him.

The Inspector: So you were alone at home, weren't you?

Mrs. White: Yes, I was. I called him immediately but he didn't answer.

B) Answer the questions according to the story?

- 1) Did Mrs. White see the thief?

- 2) What was Mrs. White doing when the thief broke into the house?

- 3) Was Mr. White with his wife when the thief broke into the house?

- 4) What was Mr. White doing in the kitchen?

- 5) Did Mr. White really prepare the tea?

- 6) Why did Mr. White go out?

- 7) Did the Inspector believe Mr. White?

- 8) Did Mr. White say who his friend was?

The inspector asked Mr. White some questions:

The Inspector: What were you doing when the thief broke into the house?

Mr. White: I was watching a movie with my wife. Then I went to the kitchen to prepare the tea...

The Inspector: How many minutes did you spend in the kitchen?

Mr. White: I think 10 or 15 minutes... I'm not sure...

The Inspector: Did you only prepare the tea?

Mr. White: Yes.

The Inspector: OK. Thanks.



The inspector was suspicious about Mr. White and he asked for him to come to his office.

The Inspector started questioning:

The Inspector: You weren't at home when the thief broke into your house.

Where? were you?

Mr. White: I went out to help a friend of mine.

The Inspector: Who was he?

Mr. White: A friend...

The Inspector: Hmm... **Who?**

Mr. White: I said that he was a friend of mine.

The Inspector: If you cannot prove that you were with your friend, we will arrest you!



A) Decide True or False?

- 1) () Mr. White was at home when the event occurred.
- 2) () Mr. White caught the thief but he didn't tell anyone.
- 3) () Mrs. White was watching the movie while her husband was drinking water.
- 4) () The thief broke into the house while they were sleeping.
- 5) () Mr. White went out while his wife was sleeping.
- 6) () Mr. White went out to help his friend.
- 7) () Mrs. White screamed when she saw the thief.

At the end of the questionnaire...

Mr. White: OK, I will tell everything... Yesterday night somebody called me but he wasn't a friend. She was my darling. I lied to my wife because she needed help. While I was going I saw a man who was very strange. I waited five or ten minutes and I saw him while he was breaking into our house. But I had to go. I went to my darling's house but she wasn't there. There was nothing at home. Then I learnt that she was living with her boyfriend. She deceived me. They took all our money and ran away...

