

1 Amateur detective

Read the text about a young detective. What crime did she solve?

Amateur detective

JANE MARPLE was an Agatha Christie amateur detective. Recently Jessica Maple, an American schoolgirl, solved a crime before the police could.

Thieves stole some furniture from Jessica's greatgrandmother's house after she died. When the police came to investigate the burglary, they looked quickly around the house. There weren't any broken windows or doors, so the police thought the thieves had a key to the house, Jessica didn't agree. She knew there were only two house keys, and her parents had them.

A few days later, she went to the house to look for clues, and she found them. At the side of the house was a garage with a door leading into the house. The garage windows were broken. When Jessica looked carefully, she even found fingerprints by the window. While she was leaving the house, she had an idea. She knew there was a second-hand furniture shop near her great-grandmother's house, so she decided to go there and look for the stolen furniture. And it was all there, for sale.

'They weren't thinking,' she said about the burglars. 'They put everything in the same shop!' The manager of the shop told Jessica that he knew the thieves because they often brought him furniture, and he even gave her their names. Finally, Jessica went to the police and told them about the furniture and the thieves. They were very surprised!



2 Dictionary work

DICTIONARY WORK. Click on the Help button to read the text again. Check the meaning of these words in bold from the text in a dictionary. Then complete the sentences.



clues furniture for sale amateur solve second-hand fingerprints

1 The electronics shop has cheap tablets. . I want to get one!

2 Li Na was an tennis player. When she was 16 she became professional.

3 In the investigation the police found many , and quickly caught the criminal.

4 This is a really difficult crossword. I can't it.

5 The room was very small so there wasn't a lot of in it, just a bed and a table.

6 This shop sells very cheap video games. They look new!

7 The criminals wore gloves so the police didn't get any .



3 Read and answer

Click on the Help button to read the text again and answer the questions in your notebook.



- 1 What did the burglars take?
- 2 Who did it belong to?
- 3 Why did the police think the burglars had a key?
- 4 What did Jessica decide to do?
- 5 What did she find at the house?
- 6 Where did she find her great-grandmother's things?
- 7 What did she do next?



4 Your turn

What do you think of what Jessica did? Why do you think the police were surprised? Write four or five sentences in your notebook.

