EXPENSIVE PAINTING FOUND UNDER BED



PRE-LISTENING TASK: VOCABULARY FOCUS

Match words with the correct definitions.

1.	scam (n)	a.	a clever and dishonest plan for making money
2.	inherit (v)	b.	the crime of stealing something from a person or place
3.	suspect (n)	c.	say that somebody has done something wrong or is guilty of something
4.	theft (n)	d.	receive money, property, etc. from somebody when they die
5.	accuse (v)	e.	need something; to depend on somebody/something
6.	victim (n)	f.	something that is done to cure an illness or injury
7.	require (v)	g.	someone who may have committed a crime
8.	treatment (n)	h.	a person who has been attacked, injured or killed as the result of a crime, a disease, an accident, etc.

LISTENING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Listen to the report about the recent painting theft. Match the numbers and dates mentioned with the things they relate to.

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a. _____ The value of the painting that was found underneath a bed.

b. _____ The age (in years) of the victim.

c. _____ The total value of the stolen items and cash.

d. _____ The year in which the scam began.

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e. _____ The total number of paintings the group is accused of stealing.

f. _____ The year in which the painting known as Sol Poente was created.

LISTENING FOR COMPREHENSION

Listen to the report again. Answer the questions true (T), false (F) or not given (NG). Give reasons for your choices F or NG.

1. The painting found under the bed was by a famous Argentinian artist. _____
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2. The owner of the painting is the wife of an art collector who left the artwork to her when he died. _____
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3. The group who set up the scam were caught by the victim's own daughter.
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4. The psychic was a member of the group and received some of the stolen money. _____
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5. Eventually, the victim was forced to remain in her own house by the thieves.
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6. A painting known as Sol Poente was found under the victim's bed. _____
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7. Scams involving psychics became less common during the first year of the pandemic. _____
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8. Psychics involved in scams often offer services, such as protection from negative energies, for large amounts of money. _____
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