

UNIT 6 Crime

Read the crime story quickly. Then, answer the questions below



Whodunnit?

Adam Smith sat on the edge of the narrow bed and looked through the bars of his cell. 1 ☐ Why did no one believe him?

Adam had grown up in a rough neighbourhood with gangs, where crime was a way of life. Despite this, he had never broken the law, and had seen education as his way out of the inner-city slums.

So how had he ended up in so much trouble? It had all started when he began his new job at Mangold-Zaks, the investment bank. He was just out of university with a degree in economics when the bank offered him a job. 2 ☐ Adam's life was all work and no play.

One Friday afternoon his boss, Barry Badoff, called him into his office. 'You

don't need to work this weekend. I'm having a party for some important clients and I would like you to be there,' he said.

The party was at Barry's mansion. Rolls Royce cars and Ferraris were parked in the street. Adam was led inside by a butler. There he saw men in expensive Italian suits and women covered in diamonds chatting together as they sipped champagne. Adam felt very uncomfortable surrounded by so much wealth. 3 ☐ Or breaking into a house like this one.

As he had nothing to say to the other guests, he went looking for Barry. He saw a wide-open door and stepped inside. 4 ☐ And seated behind it ... no, it couldn't be ... a man ... a man with a bloodstained shirt ... his boss,

Barry Badoff! Adam ran to the desk and checked for signs of life, but there was no pulse. He was dead. A bloody knife was on the floor. 5 ☐ At that very moment a woman entered the room, saw one dead man, another holding a knife, and began screaming, 'Murderer! Killer! Help!' Adam looked around wildly. He wanted to explain that she'd got it all wrong, but the words wouldn't come. Shock and terror had frozen him.

Later that evening at the police station, Adam considered his situation. Of course the police had arrested him. What else could they have done? 6 ☐ This young man from the wrong side of town, who had grown up around gangs ... yes, things looked bad for Adam, very bad. How was he going to prove his innocence? And who was the real killer?

3 Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-G the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

- A Where he came from, people spent Saturday night sitting in front of the TV with a pizza.
- B And that's when Adam made his big mistake – without thinking, he picked it up.
- C He had been caught with the bloody murder weapon in his hand, so he must be guilty!
- D Adam wanted to make a good impression, so he arrived early and left late, ate at his desk and worked every weekend.
- E That was the wrong thing to do because he should have knocked first and waited for permission to enter.
- F He was in a police station, accused of committing a serious offence, but he was innocent!
- G It was a fine room with floor-to-ceiling bookcases, a fireplace, leather armchairs and a huge desk.


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Make sure that the sentence you choose for a gap fits logically both with what comes before and after the gap. For example, Sentences E and G both fit logically with the text before gap 4, but only one of them fits logically with what comes after the gap as well. Which sentence is it?

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

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- 1 Two men _____ a robbery at the National Bank earlier this morning.
- 2 How did the burglar _____ the house without setting off the alarm?
- 3 The police made a mistake when they _____ an innocent man of the crime.
- 4 If we can find some fingerprints, we might be able to _____ who did it.