

## Mrs. Ramsey's night

A year ago Mrs. Ramsey \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) at 1.30.am. At first she didn't know why she \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up), but then she \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise. It was a scratching sound. Mrs. Ramsey \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) carefully, she \_\_\_\_\_ (never, hear) that sound before. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in her bed the noise \_\_\_\_\_ (get) louder. The old wondered where the sound was coming from. Although she \_\_\_\_\_ (be afraid), she decided to get out of bed. 'I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) this is a cat, that \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with my dustbins. I \_\_\_\_\_ (chase) it away so I can sleep again.', she thought. But then the noise suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (change). 'This sounds like someone \_\_\_\_\_ (talk)', she whispered to herself.

Meanwhile her dog Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) as well. Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) up to her bad and \_\_\_\_\_ (whimper) quietly. 'Shush', she said, 'be quiet, you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) such a baby!'. But really, she was scared herself, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be brave. Before she went to the back window to see what was going on she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the kitchen to get a rolling pin. Slowly she \_\_\_\_\_ (tiptoe) to the window. 'You said that old bat \_\_\_\_\_ (be not) home!' 'I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) what I said, thanks for reminding me!' 'So what \_\_\_\_\_ (we do) now?' Mrs Ramsey's heart \_\_\_\_\_ (beat) fast. Tim, her dog \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) under the sofa and looked scared. 'We \_\_\_\_\_ (rob) her house, of course! That's what we \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to do three weeks ago and this is what we \_\_\_\_\_ (do)' Mrs. Ramsey froze – what could she do?

'Rob the house when she's inside? \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you crazy?!' the other voice said. Mrs Ramsey \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a deep breath and said to herself 'Okay, I need to do something. 'I \_\_\_\_\_ (tiptoe) back into my bedroom and close my eyes.. That is the safest thing to do'. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) back to her room there was a loud noise, rtshhhh. The old lady \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) for a second and \_\_\_\_\_ (look) around, then she ran into her bedroom and closed the door. As she \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) in bed she thought: 'Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (ever break) into my house, and I \_\_\_\_\_ (never be) so scared in my entire life.'