

Only Murders in the Building Season 1, Episode 1

1: Contextual Fill-in-the-Blanks

Select the correct word from the word bank to complete each sentence. Change verb tenses where necessary.

Word Bank: pre-war, washed-up, sleuth, proverbial, sardonic, evacuate, textbook, brush off, rummage, jimmy, intercept, extravagant

1. When the fire alarm began blaring throughout the building, the security guards instructed all residents to immediately _____ the premises.
2. The former action hero felt like a _____ celebrity after years of being turned down by major film studios.
3. Before the security guard could notice the missing package, Charles managed to _____ it from the mail delivery truck.
4. Instead of answering the fan's polite question, the actor attempted to _____ her _____ with a quick wave of his hand.
5. Living in a historic _____ apartment in New York City often means enjoying thick walls and classic architectural details.
6. Mabel made a _____ comment under her breath, masking her genuine emotions with sharp, mocking humor.
7. To gain access to the locked office without a key, they had to _____ the door open using a thin metal blade.
8. The detective complimented the rookie officer on making a _____ arrest that followed every protocol precisely as taught.
9. An amateur _____ sat in the diner, closely watching the suspects and taking notes in a small pad.
10. Oliver threw an _____ dinner party that far exceeded his modest budget, complete with fine champagne and catering.
11. While looking for her misplaced apartment keys, she had to _____ through the clutter at the bottom of her handbag.
12. By stepping into the investigation, the podcast trio reached the _____ fork in the road where they had to decide whether to turn back or keep searching.

Exercise 2: Matching Definitions & Synonyms

Match each bolded word from Column A with its correct definition or synonym in Column B.

Column A (Target Word)	Column B (Definition / Synonym)
1. Sleuth	A. Built prior to World War II; characteristic of classic architecture
2. Sardonic	B. To search thoroughly by moving things around carelessly
3. Intercept	C. Grimly mocking, cynical, or biting in tone
4. Pre-war	D. Excessive, lavish, or exceeding reasonable limits
5. Rummage	E. A detective or investigator
6. Jimmy	F. To obstruct or seize someone/something before arrival
7. Extravagant	G. To force open a lock or door with a tool

Exercise 3: Antonym Identification

Choose the word from the options that is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the bolded word.

1. **Extravagant**

A. Frugal

B. Elaborate

C. Luxurious

2. **Sardonic**

A. Sarcastic

B. Earnest

C. Scornful

3. **Textbook**

A. Standard

B. Exemplary

C. Unconventional

4. **Brush off**

A. Dismiss

B. Welcome

C. Ignore