

**STUDENT:**

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**MARK:** (...../30)

**USELESS CRIMINALS**

**TEXT 1.** A robber at a post office in Manchester wrote his instructions on a piece of paper because he didn't want to attract attention to himself. 'This is a hold-up and I've got a gun,' he wrote and then held up the paper for the post mistress to read. The post mistress waited in astonishment while he scribbled, 'Put all the money in a paper bag,' and pushed the message across the counter. The post mistress read it and then wrote on the bottom, 'I haven't got a paper bag,' and passed it back. The bank robber was completely at a loss and fled in panic, without taking any money.

**TEXT 2.** Police in Sussex arrested a six-foot 20-year-old youth who tried to mug a five-foot 74-year-old woman. The youth pounced on Mrs Ethel West while she was walking past Chichester cathedral. He should have had no trouble snatching her handbag, but when Mrs West took hold of his arm, he cried, 'Oh God! oh no! Stop!' Encouraged by this cowardly response, Mrs West pulled his arm behind his back at which the mugger cried, 'Oh, no, oh Christ!' and ran away. 'If I hadn't been carrying my shopping, I would have thrown him to the ground,' said Mrs West, who took a course in judo when she was younger.

**TEXT 3** Dennis Newton was on trial for robbery in Oklahoma City. One of the witnesses, the manager of the store which had been robbed, was asked by the prosecuting attorney to identify the robber. When she pointed at Dennis, he jumped to his feet, accused her of lying, and said, 'I should have blown your head off, you stupid \*\*\*\*\*!' There was a moment of stunned silence in court. Dennis realised what he had said and added hurriedly, 'I'd have shot you, if I'd been the robber who was there.' The jury sentenced him to thirty years.

**TEXT 4.** Christopher Fleming intended to break into a Chinese takeaway in Tiverton, Devon, through the kitchen

window, steal as much money from the till as possible and leave by the same route. Unfortunately for him, as he was climbing through the window, he lost his balance and fell into a huge chip fryer which was full of fat. Covered in grease, he managed to get out, and opened the till. He couldn't find any bank notes and had to be content with £20 in coins. Jingling with loose change and with the grease congealing, he walked out of the front door straight into the arms of a policeman.

**TEXT 5.** A burglar, Mr J Ealey, took his dog, a pit bull terrier called Arnold, with him when he broke into a house in a Yorkshire village one night. He left the dog in the sitting room while he went upstairs to the bedroom and filled a bag with jewellery and other valuables. The owners of the house returned just as he was about to leave with his loot, so he had to make a quick getaway out of a back window and forgot about his dog. When the police arrived, they said 'Home, boy!' to the dog and then followed it back to the burglar's house, arriving only a few seconds after Mr Ealey. Arnold was given a good home while Mr Ealey was serving his 10-year sentence for burglary.

**TEXT 6.** Three men carrying shotguns were on their way to rob the Royal Bank of Scotland at Rothesay, when they got stuck in the revolving doors at the entrance of the bank. They had to be helped free by the staff, and, after thanking everyone, left the building sheepishly. A few minutes later they returned and announced their intention of robbing the bank, but none of the staff believed them. When, at first, they demanded £5,000, the head cashier laughed at them, convinced that it was a practical joke. Considerably disheartened by this, the gang leader reduced his demand first to £500, then to £50 and ultimately to 50 pence. By this time the cashier was splitting her sides. Then one of the men jumped over the counter and fell awkwardly on the floor, clutching his ankle, which he had broken. The other two made their getaway, but got trapped in the revolving doors for a second time, desperately pushing the wrong way.

**TEXT 7.** A Parisian burglar broke into a house in the village of Lachelle. His plan was to steal some paintings but once inside he began to feel decidedly peckish and so he went in search of the fridge. There he found his favourite cheese which it would have been a shame not to try. He also found some biscuits and three bottles of champagne. After a while he began to feel sleepy and decided that he would just have a little nap. He was arrested the next morning fast asleep in the spare bedroom.

**QUESTION 1 (..../7)**

Choose the best title for each text from the list below. Write the letter of the title (a, b, c...) in the space provided.

- a. CRIMINAL ADMITS CRIME BY MISTAKE
- b. THIEF CAUGHT IN BED
- c. OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE
- d. PET BETRAYS OWNER
- e. SHY AND SILENT ROBBER
- f. CLOWNS HOLD UP A BANK
- g. MARTIAL ARTS GRANNY SURPRISES THIEF

Text 1.....Text 2.....Text 3.....Text 4.....  
Text 5.....Text 6.....Text 7.....

**QUESTION 2 (..../9)**

Answer these questions by putting the number of the relevant text or texts next to the questions. Sometimes the answer is more than one text. In which of these texts:

- 1. does the crime occur in a private house? \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_
- 2. did the crime take place in a shop? \_\_\_\_
- 3. did the crime take place in France? \_\_\_\_
- 4. did the crime take place in a restaurant? \_\_\_\_
- 5. is there a description of a court scene? \_\_\_\_
- 6. was the criminal hurt? \_\_\_\_
- 7. were women involved? \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_
- 8. are we told that the criminal went to prison? \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_
- 9. was the criminal 12 inches taller than his victim? \_\_\_\_
- 10. did the criminal use bad language? \_\_\_\_
- 11. was the criminal armed? \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_
- 12. did the criminal have trouble getting into the scene of the crime? \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 3 (..../7)**

Below are fifteen words and expressions from the text. In the text they are underlined. For each one,

choose an expression from the box which has a similar meaning IN THIS CONTEXT. Write the expression against the word below.

<p><u>armed robbery</u> - embarrassedly - going solid - holding - hungry - jumped - laughing - making a metallic noise - ran away - sleep - taking - trapped - uncourageous - very surprised - wrote</p>
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- 1. hold-up (text 1) **Armed robbery**
- 2. scribbled (text 1) .....
- 3. fled (text 1) .....
- 4. pounced (text 2) .....
- 5. snatching (text 2) .....
- 6. cowardly (text 2) .....
- 7. stunned (text 3) .....
- 8. jingling (text 4) .....
- 9. congealing(text 4) .....
- 10. stuck (text 6) .....
- 11. sheepishly (text 6) .....
- 12. splitting her sides (text 6) .....
- 13. clutching (text 6) .....
- 14. peckish (text 7) .....
- 15. nap(text 7) .....

**QUESTION 4 (..../ 7)**

Find words in the texts that mean:

- 1. a person who steals money from banks .....
- 2. a person who robs someone in the street, often with violence .....
- 3. a lawyer .....
- 4. a person who sees a crime .....
- 5. to enter a place illegally .....
- 6. a person who steals things from private houses .....
- 7. things stolen from a house by a thief .....

**Grammar:** ( los chicos ya tienen el booklet de revisión)

Unit 1: Present simple, adverbs of frequency, can/can't. (exercises 1 to 6)

Unit 2: Present continuous, present continuous & present simple, State verbs. (exercises 1 to 4)

Unit 3: Countable & uncountable nouns, some/any/no, quantifiers. (exercises 1 to 5)

Unit 4: was/were, past simple affirmative, past simple negative, time expressions, past simple questions. (exercises 1 to 6)

Unit 5: comparatives, not as...as/less, superlatives/the least (exercises 1 to 6)

Unit 6: Past continuous & past simple/when & while (exercises 1 to 5)

### **Literature:**

#### **Mysteries of the unexplained**

chapter 1: "Other Worlds"

chapter 2: "Strange Disappearances"

chapter 3: "Mysterious Monsters"

*Exercises:*

Activities 1, page iv, :1.1, 1.2

Activities 2, page 6: 2.1, 2.2, page 7: 2.4

Activities 3, page 14: 3.1, 3.2, page 15: 3.4

### **Writing**

Write a story. (90 to 100 words)

Mysteries of the Unexplained, page 42, activity 1.