

Word on the Street

Murder Mystery Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Match the expressions to make sentences from the video.

we had decided that the first victim was shot. / you had been murdered. / using the clues which he had left. / the murderer had poisoned their first victim. / which I had placed near the woman. / which I had left under the sofa.

1. I'm sorry. I thought _____

2. It was clear that

3. Ashlie, I thought

4. I discovered the murderer

5. You found the gun

6. But you didn't find the knife

Activity 2

Can you remember the sentences from

Activity 1? Complete them with the past simple or past perfect of the verbs in brackets ().

1. I'm sorry. I _____(think) you _____(be) murdered.
2. It _____(be) clear that the murderer _____(poison) their first victim.
3. I _____(think) we _____(decide) that the first victim was shot.
4. I _____(discover) the murderer using the clues which he _____(leave).
5. You _____(find) the gun which I _____(place) near the woman.
6. But you _____(not find) the knife which I _____(leave) under the sofa.

Activity 3

Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect of the verbs in brackets ().

1. I can't remember what time we _____(agree) to meet.
2. I couldn't remember what time we _____(agree) to meet.
3. Ben _____(come) to Poland just after he _____(finish) university.
4. Ben _____(do) a degree in economics before he _____(come) to Poland.

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5. By the time we _____(get) to
the party, it _____(be) too late.
Everyone _____(go) home.

6. I _____(see) Della yesterday.
She _____ (tell) me that
she _____ (be) on holiday in
Spain.

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Answers

Activity 1

1. I'm sorry. I thought you had been murdered.
2. It was clear that the murderer had poisoned their first victim.
3. Ashlie, I thought we had decided that the first victim was shot.
4. I discovered the murderer using the clues which he had left.
5. You found the gun which I had placed near the woman.
6. But you didn't find the knife which I had left under the sofa.

Activity 2

1. I'm sorry. I thought you had been/'d been murdered.
2. It was clear that the murderer had poisoned/'d poisoned their first victim.
3. I thought we had decided/'d decided that the first victim was shot.
4. I discovered the murderer using the clues which he had left/'d left.
5. You found the gun which I had placed/'d placed near the woman.
6. But you didn't find the knife which I had left/'d left under the sofa.

Activity 3

1. I can't remember what time we agreed to meet.
2. I couldn't remember what time we had agreed/'d agreed to meet.
3. Ben came to Poland just after he had finished/'d finished university.
4. Ben had done/'d done a degree in economics before he came to Poland.
5. By the time we got to the party, it was too late. Everyone had gone/'d gone home.
6. I saw Della yesterday. She told me that she had been/'d been on holiday in Spain.