

WRITING A MYSTERY STORY

Write a mystery story for your school magazine. Try to use 5 or more of these words from the unit: **crime, suspect, steal, weapon, blackmail, witness, criminal, victim**. You can change the form of the words. Write 120-150 words.

You can use these questions to help you:

- Where did the story take place?
- Who are the main characters?
- What happened at the beginning of the story?
- What was the mystery of the story?
- Who solved the mystery?
- How did the characters feel at the end of the story?

Dead Body in the Bedroom

When Charlie Fitzroy arrived in Mrs Carter house on Monday morning, he discovered her dead body in her bedroom. He worked as a gardener for her from Monday to Friday. Mr Fitzroy called the police but they told him that someone had already reported the crime.



The police arrived at the crime scene to investigate the case. Mr Fitzroy was the first suspect but he had no motive for committing the crime. He had worked for the victim for many years and she had paid him good money for his work. Inspector Gordon started an investigation to collect evidence. He couldn't find any weapon or injury on the victim's body. Fingerprints that did not belong to Mrs Carter were discovered on the glass on her bedside table. The same fingerprints were on Mrs Carter's credit card. The only witness was Mrs Carter's neighbour. He said that he had seen a man in the victim's bedroom the night before.

On further investigation, the police found out that the fingerprints belonged to Greg Carter who was the victim's nephew. They also uncovered messages on Mrs Carter's phone – her nephew had asked her for money but it was not a case of blackmail. When asked, Greg admitted that he had visited his aunt on Sunday evening and had given her a glass of water, but when he left she was sitting in her favourite armchair, watching TV.

After a month of investigation, Inspector Gordon found out, that it was not a case of murder. Greg Carter did not kill his aunt but she died in her sleep that night. She was 101 years old.