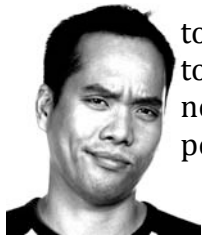


Special Delivery Vocab 1



This thief is trying to **break into** a house (get inside the house wrongly) by **forcing** the door **open**.



to be **doubtful that something** – to think that *something* is probably not true. Eg: I'm doubtful that this politician will keep his promise.

to **claim that** – to say that something is true when other people are doubtful about it. Eg: He came in late and claimed that his alarm clock hadn't worked.

to **steal** (steal, stole, stolen) to take something that isn't yours

to **notice** – to see and know something Eg: I saw Tom yesterday in the street. I waved to him, but he didn't notice me and kept walking.

to **investigate** something – to try to find out about something, to solve a mystery.



a **fingerprint**

a **clue** – a piece of information that helps you solve a mystery. Eg: a fingerprint:

be **missing** – be absent, not be in the usual place. Eg: One tooth is missing from this boy's mouth.



This man killed Mr Jackson!

a **trial** – a trial is when the police **accuse** someone **of a crime** and the court **finds** them **guilty** and sends them to prison – OR **not guilty** and lets them go free. The man on trial here is **accused of murder**.

to **surmise** – to decide that something is true using the clues or information that you have. Eg: I looked in his fridge and surmised that he doesn't cook much.

Darren the Thief



Match the pictures to the sentence – Write the letter next to the sentence.

- On Friday the 10th of this month, Darren the thief broke into a house: he **forced** a window **open** with a crowbar and climbed into the house. ____
- He **stole** some jewelry. ____
- When the owner of the house got home, she **noticed** that her jewelry was **missing**. ____
- The police **investigated** the crime. They **spotted** two clues (to spot = to see): The window had been **forced open** and the thief had left his fingerprints on the jewelry box. ____
- From the fingerprints, the police **surmised** that Darren had **stolen** the jewels, so they arrested him. They also found a crowbar in his room. ____
- The police asked Darren what he had been doing when the house had been **broken into**. Darren **claimed** that he had been sleeping. The police were **doubtful that** his story was true. ____
- At Darren's trial, the police **accused** him **of** breaking into a house and stealing some jewelry. ____

ANSWERS 1-D, 2-A, 3-F, 4-E, 5-G, 6-B, 7-C, .

Special Delivery – Vocab 2



to dump
=
to throw away

the **front walk**
of a house– the
front path



This guy is **slipping**
on some water.



Fill in the blanks with the words in the box

clues broken into missing front walk
surmised slipped under a misapprehension
dumped spotted

When Richard got home, the door was open. Then he _____¹ some broken glass on the _____². He looked inside and saw that his wife's laptop was _____³. From these two _____⁴ he _____⁵ that someone had _____⁶ his house and stolen the laptop. Then his wife came home and explained that he was _____⁷. She had _____⁸ on a piece of soap on the floor and accidentally thrown the laptop through the front window. When she had gone outside to pick it up, she had saw that it was broken, so she had _____⁹ it in the rubbish and gone for a walk to calm down.

If a criminal is tired of running from the police, he can **turn himself in** – go to the police and say: ⁴ Here I am. Arrest me!

Special Delivery – Vocab 3



wrath – anger
("anger" is the
noun of "angry")



to **pass away**
– to die

a **uniform** – this guy is
wearing a soldier's uniform



a **reflex** – an
automatic movement
of muscles



a **coroner** – a doctor
who investigates
how someone died



Fill in the blanks with the words in the box

claimed coroner uniforms passed away wrath
accused turned himself in forced the door open

- When Mrs. Macdonald _____¹⁰, the _____¹¹ found that she had been poisoned. The neighbours _____¹² Mr. Macdonald, her husband, of murdering her, and the police went to his house to investigate. When he saw two men in police _____¹³ outside his house, he locked the door and would not let them in. The police _____¹⁴, but the house was empty: Mr. Macdonald had escaped through the back door. The police were very angry at Mr. Macdonald. To escape their _____¹⁵, he hid in the forest, but after two weeks without food, he _____¹⁶ to the police. At his trial, he _____¹⁷ that he had been in the local pub the night his wife died, but no one believed him, and he was sent to prison.
- If you put two fingers down your throat, you will throw up (vomit). This is a _____¹⁸.

ANSWERS: **Vocab 2** 1. spotted 2. front walk 3. missing 4. clues 5. surmised 6. broken into 7. under a misapprehension 8. slipped 9. dumped **Vocab 3** 10. passed away 11. coroner 12. accused 13. uniforms 14. forced the door 15. wrath 16. turned himself in 17. claimed 18. reflex

a **clue**

This woman has **spotted** (seen) the lipstick and has **surmised** that her husband is sleeping with someone else. She is **accusing** him of **having an affair** with another woman. He is **claiming** that she is **under a misapprehension** (= she has a mistaken idea).



You're having an affair!

No, you're wrong. I'm not.

Special Delivery – Vocab 4

to **drop the subject** – to stop talking about something

to **strike** – to hit. When an idea **strikes** you, you suddenly realize or understand something.



to **fall into a stupor** – to become unconscious (usually because of alcohol)



This man is nervous and is smoking to **steady his nerves** (calm down). It doesn't look like it's working.



to **precede** – to go before

Eg: Monday and Tuesday precede Wednesday.

Fill in the blanks with the words in the boxes

□ notice drop the subject struck (past of strike)
fall into a stupor steady your nerves preceding

a) "I hate speaking in front of groups"

"Maybe you should have a drink to _____¹. Don't drink too much, though, or everyone will see you _____² on stage!."

b) "How did your speech go?"

"Well, as I was sitting there on stage, listening to the _____³ speakers, I got more and more nervous. 'What will people say when they see how nervous I am?', I thought. Then an idea _____⁴ me: 'All the speakers are nervous, but nobody in the audience seems to _____⁵ - they are all listening and clapping happily. After that, I felt much better. What did you think of my speech?'"

"Oh... Er... "

"Never mind. Let's just _____⁶."

Special Delivery – Vocab 5

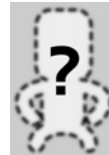


to **release** someone – to set someone free

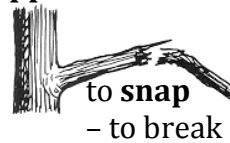
to **pay someone's bail** – If Harry has been arrested by the police and is waiting for a trial, a friend or relative can pay money to the government to **release** him until the trial. If Harry comes to the trial, the government will give the money back.

to **resolve** to do something – to decide (strongly) to do something Eg: On New Years Day he resolved to stop drinking.

to **disappear** – to suddenly become missing.
noun: **disappearance**



to **afford** something – if you can't afford something, you don't have enough money to pay for it.



to **snap** – to break

a **disgrace** to someone – something that causes shame to someone. Eg: The thief was a disgrace to his family.

□ missing trial release pays my bail
disappear investigating resolved to
doubtful that snap can't afford a disgrace to

c) "Dad, I'm in jail. The police say they've been

_____⁷ the _____⁸ money and found out I stole it. They won't _____⁹ me from the police station until someone _____¹⁰."

"I know, but I'm _____¹¹ you will stay in the country for the _____¹². You'll probably _____¹³, and I _____¹⁴ to lose that much money."

"God damn it Dad. When I get out of here, I'm gunna _____¹⁵ your neck!"

"You're _____¹⁶ your family. Your mother has been crying all night, and your wife has _____¹⁷ leave you. Stay in jail and think about it."

ANSWERS: **Vocab 4** 1. steady your nerves 2. fall into a stupor 3. preceding 4. struck 5. notice 6. drop the subject **Vocab 4** 7. investigating 8. missing 9. release 10. pays my bail 11. doubtful 12. trial 13. disappear 14. can't afford 15. snap 16. a disgrace to 17. resolved to