



Who Did It?

1. After a murder a detective interviewed the suspects. Read what they said and discuss the questions in teams.

Detective: Somebody in this room must have murdered Lord Smyth, who at precisely 3:30 pm this afternoon was brutally bludgeoned to death with what might have been a blunt instrument. I want each of you to tell me about your whereabouts at precisely the time that this dastardly deed took place.

Miss Scarlet: I can't have murdered him. I loved him and I am too weak to have hit him that hard. I think I wasn't even here. I might have arrived around 4:00.

Mrs. White: I have worked in this mansion for the last 25 years. There aren't any reasons why I could have murdered him. I even like the old man. However, I did not serve the tea today. Mrs. Peacock was very kind and offered to take the tea to the living room. I think she could have poisoned Mr. Smyth.

Mrs. Peacock: I arrived very early this morning as I usually do, when I saw Miss Scarlet leaving, but she must have got earlier to home. She was here at lunchtime. For the tea issue, I have to point that I drank the same tea. I just was trying to be helpful. I could have died if that tea was poisoned.

Detective: Thank you ladies. What a curious case we have got here. None of you mentioned having heard a noise. Look how brutally bludgeoned he was. Someone must have heard a noise. Somebody else may have been in this mansion today.

Mrs. White: Now that you say it. I welcome Mr. Green this morning. He had a meeting at 3:00 with Lord Smyth. He left without saying anything or making a noise.

- a. What happened in the crime scene?

- b. Who did it? Why?

c. How did it happen?

d. Did Miss Scarlet do it?

e. Did Mrs. White do it?

f. Did Mrs. Peacock do it?

2. Change teams and compare your answers with a classmate. Justify your arguments.

3. Change teams again. Speculate about the past events in the story. Make sentences with the words in the boxes.

might

must

couldn't

can't

Could

might not

may not have

boring

4. Now speculate about things around you. Use the combinations in the box to share your sentences with the rest of the class. The rest of the class should confirm or explain about the speculation.

might / uniform

must / use

could / take

couldn't /select

can't /use

might / eat

could / see

might not / homework

must/ bring

may not have

must not / change

must / forget