

**1 Use the words in the box to complete the newspaper article.**

witness    evidence    murder    blackmail    murderer    weapon    victim

# THE LONDON MORNING PAPER

## *Dead body found in the Thames*

Saturday evening, around 7 p.m., the police were told about a suspicious\* body floating on the River Thames. Shortly after that, a woman called the police again. She said that she had taken her dog for a walk along the river, throwing a stick for her dog to get it. As she was waiting for her dog, she suddenly noticed a dead body that was caught in the branches of a tree close to the bank of the river.

The police are now sure that it was <sup>1</sup>..... . The man had not fallen into the river by accident, he had been shot from behind and had been thrown into the Thames. The <sup>2</sup>..... , probably a 9 mm gun, has not been found yet.

First, there wasn't any <sup>3</sup>..... that might tell the police who the murderer was. But fortunately, the <sup>4</sup>..... had had his wallet in the inside pocket of his jacket. His name was Roger Frampton, 55. When the police searched his flat, they found a letter. Somebody had tried to <sup>5</sup>..... him. The circumstances\* will be reported to the public soon and this will eventually\* help the police to arrest the <sup>6</sup>..... . As of now, the woman who was walking her dog is still the only <sup>7</sup>..... .

**VOCABULARY**

\*suspicious – verdächtig; circumstances – Umstände;  
eventually – schlussendlich

**2 What happened next? Write the newspaper article. The police investigated the crime and finally arrested somebody.**

The following questions should help you write your newspaper article (180–200 words):

- Who blackmailed Roger Frampton? What were the motives?
- What did the letter say?
- When was he shot?
- How did the murderer(s) take him to the river? ...

**1 Read about the murder mystery. Then do the tasks below.**

**Another murder mystery**

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, Joel Hunter was found dead in a hotel room in Miami, Florida. Mr Hunter had been one of two owners of Netcorp, a huge computer company in Chicago. He had been on a business trip when the murder happened.



Here is a list of people who joined him on his trip:

- Catherine Hunter: his wife; they shared the same hotel room
- David Brooks: his business partner, who owns half of the company
- Tom Atkinson: his assistant
- John Gibbs: the lawyer of the company

The day of the murder, Joel Hunter had left his wife and the three men after lunch. He said that he was very tired and wanted a short rest. When his wife went looking after him two hours later, she found him dead in their room. There was a wound in his stomach. All the windows were closed. (They couldn't be opened because of the air conditioning\* at the hotel.) A wallet and some documents were scattered\* on the floor. Mrs Hunter was the only person who had a key to the room. Now Inspector Packard is investigating the crime. He is questioning the suspects.

**a Choose one of the four suspects above and write Inspector Packard's interview with him/her.**

**b Write Inspector Packard's final report in which he explains who the murderer was and what his/her motives were.**

**VOCABULARY**

\*air conditioning – Klimaanlage; scattered – verstreut

**1 Circle the correct form of the verbs.**



**Read what went wrong for Christopher yesterday:**

"In the morning I <sup>1</sup> *was / had been* late because I <sup>2</sup> *didn't set / hadn't set* the alarm clock the night before. On the bus I <sup>3</sup> *had to sit / had had to sit* next to Jenny because all the other places <sup>4</sup> *were taken / had been taken*. At school I <sup>5</sup> *was / had been* hungry because I <sup>6</sup> *didn't eat / hadn't eaten* anything for breakfast. I <sup>7</sup> *wasn't able to / hadn't been able to* open the door of my cupboard because I <sup>8</sup> *forgot / had forgotten* my key at home. I couldn't do the exercise in the English lesson because I <sup>9</sup> *didn't finish / hadn't finished* the book we should have read. My football team <sup>10</sup> *had / had had* a match in the afternoon and we <sup>11</sup> *played / had played* really badly. After the match we <sup>12</sup> *were / had been* quite angry because we <sup>13</sup> *didn't score / hadn't scored* a goal and the other team <sup>14</sup> *won / had won*. When I finally <sup>15</sup> *got / had got* home in the evening, my family <sup>16</sup> *had / had had* dinner without me and my sister <sup>17</sup> *ate / had eaten* my dessert. Well, tomorrow's another day. I hope I won't forget to set the alarm clock again ..."

**1 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past perfect form of the verbs.**

When I <sup>1</sup> ..... (get) up in the morning, I <sup>2</sup> ..... (see) that my dog <sup>3</sup> ..... (sleep) in my bed. I <sup>4</sup> ..... (notice) that he <sup>5</sup> ..... (open) the door to my room in the night. I <sup>6</sup> ..... (not, hear) anything. That's really strange.



It <sup>7</sup> ..... (be) Sarah's birthday on Sunday. So she <sup>8</sup> ..... (organise) a huge party and <sup>9</sup> ..... (invite) all her friends. On the card it <sup>10</sup> ..... (say) that the party would start at 6 p.m. I <sup>11</sup> ..... (be) a bit late, but when I finally <sup>12</sup> ..... (walk) into Sarah's living room I saw lots of presents which people <sup>13</sup> ..... (put) on a table next to the buffet. I suddenly <sup>14</sup> ..... (remember) that I <sup>15</sup> ..... (leave) her birthday present at home! So I <sup>16</sup> ..... (decide) to leave quietly and go home to get it as quickly as possible.



Henry <sup>17</sup> ..... (must see) the doctor yesterday. He told the doctor what <sup>18</sup> ..... (happen) two days ago. He <sup>19</sup> ..... (meet) his friends who always <sup>20</sup> ..... (practise) new jumps on their skateboards after school. But Henry <sup>21</sup> ..... (fall) and <sup>22</sup> ..... (land) on his face. When Henry <sup>23</sup> ..... (wake) up the next morning, his left eye <sup>24</sup> ..... (be) black and blue.



## More Essential English

### 1 Find the eight verbs. Then complete the phrases below.

- 1 to .....run..... a program
- 2 to ..... a backup of your files
- 3 to ..... some music
- 4 to ..... with a mouse
- 5 to ..... an email to a friend
- 6 to ..... your hard disk for viruses
- 7 to ..... the net
- 8 to ..... your files on your hard disk

N	T	N	Y	A	D	J	P
U	G	C	R	E	A	T	E
R	E	P	N	S	O	C	X
C	I	V	E	U	L	H	Y
N	L	N	A	V	N	E	J
F	D	I	F	S	W	C	Q
P	U	T	C	M	O	K	B
F	R	U	S	K	D	R	O

### 2 Put the dialogue into the correct order.

- ☐ Sue I think I've got a problem with the computer. Can you help?
- ☐ Sue Can you come over to my place?
- ☒ 1 Sue Hi, Nick. What are you doing right now?
- ☐ Sue Great! See you.
- ☐ Nick OK, give me a few minutes.
- ☐ Nick I'm surfing the net.
- ☐ Nick Why?



### 3 Look at the pictures. Match them with the phrases from the box.

go bird watching  
write an email

play the guitar  
read a book

play computer games  
play tennis

play cards  
walk the dog

