Bristol Murder

PHILIP PROWSE

Background

1. Mr Robert Stevens and his nephew John Stevens.
2. At his home. / At 24 Devonshire Road, Bristol.
3. Because a lot of the furniture was broken.
4. No, because nothing was stolen.
5. He might have killed his uncle and then run away.
6. No, it suggests the death of Robert Stevens was murder.

Dictionary: murder

c is murder.
Murdering someone means killing someone deliberately.

Comprehension

1. Because his parents were dead and his uncle looked after him.
2. No, he wasn’t. He hit John when he was angry.
3. He worked at Manor Park Secondary School.
4. They didn’t like him.
5. No, he didn’t.
6. No, he didn’t. He hit him with his hands.

Newspaper Headlines

1. Electrician Electrocuted
2. Cat Rescue Ends in Tragedy
3. Barbecue Ban Over Bring-And-Buy Blaze
4. Local Man in Fatal Crash

A Meeting with Bob Steel

2 into 3 dark 4 stairs 5 bad 6 whispered 7 followed 8 room 9 Although 10 curtains
11 light 12 table 13 bed 14 dirty 15 in 16 middle-aged 17 red 18 beard 19 clothes
20 watch 21 information 22 murder 23 killed 24 closely 25 photograph 26 police
27 interrupted 28 them 29 money 30 reason

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Multiple Choice

2 b  3 a  4 b  5 b  6 a  7 c  8 c  9 b  10 d

What Happened Next?

2 Mr Stevens gave Tommy Logan a lot of homework.
3 John Stevens told his uncle he wanted to go to the cinema.
4 Robert Stevens told his nephew he couldn’t go to the cinema.
5 John Stevens went to the cinema.
6 Robert Stevens was very angry when John Stevens came home.
7 Robert Stevens hit John Stevens.
8 John Stevens hit Robert Stevens and then ran out of the house.
9 Bob Steel was walking past the house and saw John Stevens running out of the house.
10 Bob Steel went into the house and saw Mr Stevens lying on the floor.
11 Bob Steel hid in the garden when he heard footsteps.
12 Tommy Logan came into the house and tried to pick Mr Stevens up off the floor.
13 Robert Stevens started fighting with Tommy Logan and broke a chair.
14 Tommy Logan picked up a chair leg and hit Mr Stevens.
15 Bob Steel told Tommy Logan, ‘I will tell the police unless you give me money.’

Word Focus: verbs and nouns for crimes

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1 murderer  2 stolen  3 robbed  4 robs/burglar  5 theft/stolen  6 robbers  7 kidnappers  8 hijacked/kill