

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

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

The crime (noun)	The criminal (noun)	The verb	Meaning of the verb
theft	thief	steal (a thing)	to take something that belongs to someone else without permission
robbery	robber	rob (a person)	to take something illegally from a person or place
burglary	burglar	burgle (a place)	to enter a building and steal things
murder	murderer	murder (a person)	to kill someone deliberately
killing	killer	kill (a person or animal)	to make a person or living thing die
kidnapping	kidnapper	kidnap (a person)	to make someone a prisoner illegally, especially to make someone give you money or something else that you want
hijacking	hijacker	hijack (a vehicle)	to take control of a vehicle illegally, using violence or threats

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