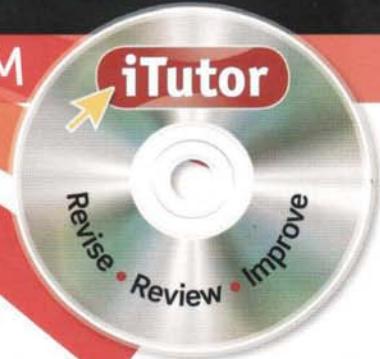


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1 READING

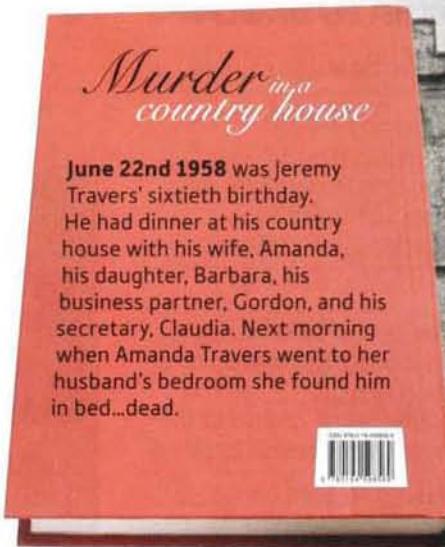
- a Read the back cover of a murder story. Then cover it and look at the photographs. Can you remember who the people are?

Who's Amanda? She's Jeremy's wife.

- b **4.2)** Read and listen to the story. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.

- 1 Somebody killed Jeremy between 12.00 a.m. and 2.00.
 - 2 The inspector questioned Amanda in the living room.
 - 3 Jeremy went to bed before Amanda.
 - 4 Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room.
 - 5 Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door.
 - 6 Amanda got up at 7.00.
 - 7 Amanda didn't love Jeremy.
- c Look at the highlighted irregular verbs in the story. What are the infinitives?

1 was = be



Claudia

Gordon

2 PRONUNCIATION

past simple verbs

- a **4.3)** Listen to the pronunciation of these verbs in the past simple.

thought could found heard read
said saw took taught wore

- b **4.4)** Now match the verbs in a with a word below which rhymes. Listen and check. Practise saying the words.

book _____ bed _____
round _____ four _____
bird _____ port _____
good _____

- c **4.5)** Find and underline nine past simple **regular** verbs in the story. How do you pronounce them? Listen and check.

Inspector Granger arrived at about 9.00. He ¹was a tall man with a big black moustache. Amanda, Barbara, Claudia, and Gordon ²were in the living room. The inspector ³came in.

'Mr Travers died between midnight last night and seven o'clock this morning,' he ⁴said. 'Somebody in this room killed him.' He looked at them one by one, but nobody ⁵spoke.

'Mrs Travers, I want to talk to you first. Come into the library with me, please.'

Amanda Travers followed the inspector into the library and they ⁶sat down.

'What did your husband do after dinner last night?'

'When we finished dinner Jeremy said he was tired and he ⁷went to bed.'

'Did you go to bed then?'

'No, I didn't. I went for a walk in the garden.'

'What time did you go to bed?'

'About quarter to twelve.'

'Was your husband asleep?'



'I don't know, inspector. We...we ⁸slept in separate rooms. But I ⁹saw that his door was closed.'

'Did you hear anything when you were in your room?'

'Yes, I ¹⁰heard Jeremy's bedroom door. It opened. I ¹¹thought it was Jeremy. Then it closed again. I ¹²read in bed for half an hour and then I went to sleep.'

'What time did you get up this morning?'

'I ¹³got up at about 7.15. I ¹⁴had breakfast and at 8.00 I ¹⁵took my husband a cup of tea.'

I ¹⁶found him in bed. He was...dead.'

'Tell me, Mrs Travers, did you love your husband?'

'Jeremy is...was a difficult man.'

'But did you love him, Mrs Travers?'

'No, inspector. I hated him.'

3 LISTENING

- a **(4, 6, 7, 8)** Listen to the inspector question Barbara. Write the information in the chart. Listen again and check. Then do the same for Gordon and Claudia.

	Amanda	Barbara	Gordon	Claudia
What did they do after dinner?	She went for a walk.			
What time did they go to bed?	11.45.			
Did they hear anything?	Jeremy's door opened and closed.			
Possible motive?	She hated him.			

- b Compare your chart with a partner. Who do you think was the murderer: Amanda, Barbara, Gordon, or Claudia? Why?
 c **(4, 9)** Now listen to what happened. Who was the murderer? Why did he / she kill Mr Travers? Were you right?

4 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

- a Cover the story and look at these verbs. Are they regular or irregular in the past simple? Write the past simple form and for each verb.

come kill close speak sleep sit hate walk

came didn't come

- b **(4, 10)** Listen and check.

- c ► p.138 Grammar Bank 8A. Learn more about past simple regular and irregular verbs and practise them.

- d ► p.165 Irregular verbs Tick (✓) the irregular verbs you know. Choose three new ones and learn them.

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