



Test Unit 3 / 1º BACH

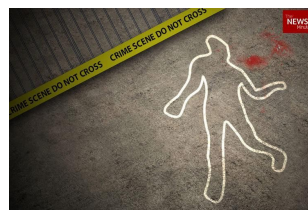
Block III : Reading / level A

Murder mystery weekend

A A 'murder mystery weekend' is a fun way to try being a detective! The weekend involves a two-night stay in a hotel, during which a 'murder', or several murders, will be committed. The challenge for guests is to solve the mystery of 'whodunnit' (who's done it). They're not real murders of course. A group of professional actors play the characters in the story. On some weekends, the guests also play roles, which are sent to them in advance, but on others the guests just play themselves, seeing who can identify the murderer. Often, the weekends have a theme (the 1920s, for example) and fancy-dress costumes, although not essential, are encouraged.

B The weekend begins with dinner on Friday, when the story and characters are introduced. During the evening, a 'body' is discovered, the 'police' arrive, and guests view the scene and the evidence. On Saturday, the police set up a special room which contains lots of evidence about the case. All the clues are provided, so hunting for extra ones isn't necessary. Guests can stay at the hotel to study the evidence or they can go and visit local attractions, but the actors stay in character throughout the whole weekend so they can be

questioned at any time. The police provide information, but it is the guests' job to solve the case.



C The organizers of the weekend advise guests to write notes as they discover information, but the most important thing is to interview the characters in order to work out who is guilty. Sunday morning is the time when everything is revealed, and the police finally explain the story, the clues and the identity of the murderer!

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Murder weekends are ideal for groups of friends celebrating a special occasion, or employees learning to improve their teamwork. However, they're also suitable for couples, or families with teenage children. They're something a bit different and are a lot of fun for everyone!

1. What happens on all murder mystery weekends ?

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| a. Guests are given characters to play. | b. The characters in the story are played by actors. | c. Several characters are murdered. | d. Guests must wear costumes. |
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2. During the day on Saturday ...

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| a. guests must not leave the hotel. | b. the 'police' will question the guests | c. the actors have some time off. | d. guests can look at the evidence. |
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3. Guests will be most likely to solve the mystery if they ...

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| a. ask the police for help | b. take notes. | c. ask the characters lots of questions | d. search for hidden clues |
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4. A 'murder mystery weekend' is a chance for people to try being a...

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| a. | police | b. | detective | c. | guest | d. | investigator |
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5. Every guest's aim should be to try to the murderer.

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| a. | send | b. | set up | c. | identify | d. | point out |
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6. The guests can expect to find a on Friday evening.

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| a. | character | b. | couple | c. | 'body' | d. | dead |
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7. If they want to, guests can go to see in the nearby area on Saturday

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| a. | attractions | b. | characters | c. | couples | d. | rides |
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8. Find a word in the text that means: "a feeling of worry or unhappiness that you have because you have done something wrong, such as causing harm to another person"

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| a. | committed | b. | 'whodunnit' | c. | guilty | d. | harmful |
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9. Find a word in the text that means: "someone who is paid to work for someone else"

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| a. | character | b. | employee | c. | guest | d. | employer |
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10. Find a word in the text that means: "one or more reasons for believing that something is or is not true"

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| a. | roles | b. | clues | c. | evidence | d. | discovery |
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11. Sometimes, guests receive details of their own role

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| a. | after the murder weekend start | b. | just as the murder mystery weekend starts | c. | before the murder mystery weekend starts | d. | as soon as the murder mystery weekend starts |
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12. Murder mystery weekends always have a historical theme.

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13 Guests should wait for the police to reveal what happened in the story.

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14. A murder mystery weekend is only suitable for large groups.

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