

Student A

Can you solve the mysteries?

Read the three mysteries. Think about what might have happened and write down your explanations. Read each mystery to Student B and tell them what you think *might have* happened. Ask for student B's ideas, too. Then Student B will tell you what really happened.

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- 1 A truck was driving along and came to a bridge over the road. The truck was too high to go under the bridge, but only by a very small amount. The driver didn't know what to do. Then a young boy came along and solved the problem. What did he do?

- 2 A prisoner had recently escaped from prison. He was trying to get back home. He was walking along a small country road during the day. Suddenly he saw a police car coming towards him. He ran towards the police car for a short while, and then turned and ran into the woods to hide. Why did he run towards the police car first?

- 3 In a forest the police found the body of a man. He was wearing swimming trunks and a face mask for diving. The sea was 50 miles away, and there were no lakes nearby. How did he die? How did his body get to the forest?

Answers to Student B's mysteries
 1 He jumped out of a plane, and his parachute didn't open.
 2 The people were sailing together on the yacht. They decided to go for a swim, so they put on their swim suits and dived off the side of the boat. They forgot to lower the ladder down the side of the yacht, so they couldn't get back on. They drowned.
 3 He was the only man in the room. The doctor and dentist were women.

Student B

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- 1 A man was lying in a field. He was dead. Next to him there was an unopened package. There was no one else in the field, and no animals. What happened? How did he die?

- 2 In the middle of the ocean there was a yacht. Around the yacht there were five dead bodies in the water. They were wearing their swim suits. They were not injured. What happened? How did they die?

- 3 The police were looking for a murderer. They knew he was in a certain house at a certain time. They didn't know what he looked like but they knew his name was John and that he was inside the house. The police ran into the house. Inside the house was a doctor, a dentist, and a fireman. The police immediately arrested the fireman. Why? How did they know that he was the murderer?

Answers to Student A's mysteries
 1 The boy let some air out of the truck's tires to reduce its height by a small amount.
 2 He was on a bridge. It was quicker to run towards the car than to go back over the bridge.
 3 During a forest fire a fire-fighting plane scooped up some water from the sea and dropped it on the forest. The plane also picked up the unfortunate man.