

**Solutions Intermediate Student's Book Page 54. Exercise 8. What happened next in the story...**

It turned out there was no theft. The host was lazy but smart. He didn't want to work, so he came up with a story about the burglary to get money. The oil painting, painted by a very famous artist, was extremely valuable and expensive. Therefore, the owner insured it against theft and maybe against other unforeseen circumstances that could happen. He hid his oil painting and told the police inspector the painting was stolen, hoping to get insurance compensation.

## **Homework**

### **Mystery murder**

Missis Tiffany and her two sons were caught in a storm. The road was not visible. She was driving a car and suddenly felt two tires burst. They were forced to ask for shelter at an enormous manor deep in countryside.

But all is not well in this home, and before long, Tiffany faces a bizarre problem: the manor's host, Tom, claims his wife Kate is going to murder him that evening. Kate, meanwhile, claims that Tom is going to murder her.

Next morning, both were found dead, in the **living room**, seated as if having a rational discussion, but dead as mice. There was no obvious murder weapon, and quite possibly, the murderer was loose in the manor.

Tiffany was no detective, but she might as well figure this out. Given that storm, help wouldn't come until it's too late. Tiffany entered the **living room** to find out what had happened. He looked around and noticed some strange things. There was an **ashtray** with a cigarette on the **coffee table**, though the hosts said that no one in their house was smoking. The **fireplace** was still burning. The **table lamp** was on, even though it was noon. It means, the crime happened last night.

Probably some stranger got into the house and killed them both. Tiffany looked at the **bookcase** – everything was in its place, nothing was broken. The window was closed, there were no **footprints** on the **windowsill**, so that could only mean one thing - someone knew the intruder and let him in without fear.

Maybe it was their neighbor who created the story that they wanted to kill each other. So they were scared and told Tiffany about it. The neighbor planned to kill them both in order to live alone in this countryside. Therefore he dropped a lot of nails on the road to force the people to stay overnight in this house. Then, he had planned for these to think that the hosts killed each other... On the other hand, the **policeman** was to think that the guests, staying overnight, did it. And the evil criminal mind would be thought innocent.