

Unit 5

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Reader's Notebook

The Case of the Ruby Earrings

Before Reading

What did you notice about the title and pictures?	What do you predict?
Example: Picture of a mansion.	Example: The homeowners must be rich.
The title has the word case in it.	It sounds like a mystery story.
There are police cars parked in front of the mansion.	The house was broken into or something was stolen.
A lady is asking two people questions.	The police are questioning people.

During Reading

Facts from the story, page 74 of Literacy in Action 5	What do you infer?
Example: Someone had broken into the house of the richest man in town.	Example: They hoped to find expensive things to steal.
Ruby earrings (worth a million dollars) were stolen.	It is important that the earrings were so expensive.
Burglar got in through the window after everyone was asleep.	Must have been quiet to not wake anyone up.
Facts from the story, page 75 of Literacy in Action 5	What do you infer?
No alarm system because the people thought their dog would be better than an alarm.	This is strange since the people in the story are so rich.
The dog didn't bark when the burglar came in.	This is very strange, since dogs usually bark at people they don't know.
Stock market collapsed, so they have to watch their money.	Strange that they would own million dollar ruby earrings if they have to be careful about money.

After Reading

1. How did your predictions compare with the actual ending of the story?

Answers will vary.

2. What do you know about mysteries that helped you when you read this story?

Answer might include the following: The crime can sometimes be an inside job, sometimes the person you least expect is the guilty one.

3. Did this story remind you of other stories you have read?

Answers will vary.

4. How did making connections to other stories help you read this story?

Answers might include the following: helped the reader realize the discrepancies in the story (the dog not barking, no alarm, etc.), money is quite often the reason a crime is committed.