

10B COMMUNICATIVE Four little mysteries

● Read the four mysteries. With your partner, try to answer the questions. Give your reasons.

1 Baggy suit

A crime happened in Freemont Street. The main suspect is a man named Sean Baker.

A man had been walking along the street when somebody shot him in the stomach. The suspect had brown hair, blue eyes, and wore a baggy suit, just like Sean Baker's.

Sean was asked to tell the story right from the beginning. 'Well,' said Sean, 'I was just hanging around the park when I saw this man walking along the street. Suddenly, a guy came up behind him and shot him! I ran home as fast as I could.'

The policemen asked him to give a description of the murderer. Sean said, 'He had a red moustache and red hair, and he was wearing a baggy Armani suit.'

'I think this man is telling a lie,' said one of the policemen. **How did he know?**

2 Sunday murder

A man was found murdered on Sunday morning. His wife immediately called the police.

The police questioned the wife and staff and got these answers:

The wife said she was sleeping. The cook said she was preparing breakfast. The gardener said he was gathering vegetables. The maid said she was getting the post.

The police instantly arrested the murderer. **Who did it and how did they know?**

3 There's an insect on my plate!

A man was eating at a restaurant. When his food came, his waitress told him that they had run out of their usual elegant dinner plates and had to serve his meal on their only plain plate. The man didn't mind, but there was an insect in his food. The waitress took it away and said she would bring him a new plate of food. When she came back, the man knew she had only thrown away the insect. **How did he know?**

4 You have mail

A businesswoman went away on a long business trip. Before she left, she asked her assistant to forward all of her post. However, she forgot to give the assistant the key to her letterbox. When she realized her mistake, she posted the key to her office, so the assistant could send her post to her. But the assistant never did. The businesswoman got angry and phoned her office, planning to fire her assistant. However, the assistant was able to explain why she hadn't sent the post. The businesswoman quickly realized her mistake and apologized. **What did the assistant say to make the businesswoman apologize?**