

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Reading comprehension - Murder at the Manor

Read the narrative and complete the questions below.

Warm up

1. Look at the title. What type of text do you think this will be? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Imagine you are a detective. Answer the following questions to get the key facts of this case:**

2. Where has this crime taken place? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who has been murdered? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In which room has the murder been committed? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who discovered the body?

Essential Vocabulary

6. Find the word 'ruffled'. Is this action hard or soft? \_\_\_\_\_ Show someone at home by ruffling their hair!
7. What were the crows doing before the scream? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you think it was a man or a woman who screamed and disturbed them? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you think this? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What sound did the crows make? \_\_\_\_\_ Show someone at home what this sounds like!
10. The writer likens this sound to 'an old hag'. Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Draw a picture of an 'old hag'.
12. A group of crows is called 'a murder'. It is a collective noun. Find the word 'murderous'. What do you notice? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Give two reasons why the writer describes the crows 'like a murderous storm cloud'.

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14. How did the Inspector walk into the study? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a fast walk or a slow walk? \_\_\_\_\_ Show someone at home by walking briskly to the window.

**Main Questions**

15. What season is it? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What type of party do you think the Toffsburys were having that night?

(a) a barbeque?            (b) a Halloween party?

(c) a bonfire party?    (d) a Christmas party?

\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Is Lady Toffsbury cold? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. What time do you think this crime took place?

(a) 10:30 am?    (b) 3.00pm?    (c) 7.00pm?    (d) midnight?

\_\_\_\_\_ What clues made you think this? \_\_\_\_\_

19. How do you think the killer escaped? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this?

**Reflection**

20. The text is broken up into two parts. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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21. Do you think it was a good idea to include both the fox and crows at the start of the story? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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22. Who do you think might have killed Lord Toffsbury? \_\_\_\_\_

Why might they have done this? \_\_\_\_\_