

Homework

Murder in the theatre

1 Listen. Answer the questions.

- 1 How did John Russell die?
He was an actor in a play. He is shot on stage in the play, but someone put real bullets in the gun and he really died.
- 2 Why does the police constable think that Fiona was the murderer?
She had a motive – she was jealous because John Russell was talking to Ursula Twain. She threatened to kill him before the murder. Only her fingerprints were found on the gun.
- 3 Why does the inspector think that she wasn't?
He noticed the stage manager didn't clean the gun after putting in the bullets. But his fingerprints weren't on the gun, so someone must have cleaned it after him. Miss May wouldn't have cleaned it because her fingerprints would be on the gun anyway.
- 4 Who is arrested for the crime?
Ursula Twain.
- 5 What was 'the little secret'?
Ursula Twain had been in prison for robbery.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct names or titles.

- 1 The director is recording the performance.
- 2 Fiona May was in love with John Russell.
- 3 The stage manager recorded the conversation between John and Ursula.
- 4 John Russell died on the stage.
- 5 The director thought John's performance was brilliant.
- 6 Fiona May and John Russell had an argument this afternoon.

- 7 The stage manager normally puts the bullets in the gun.
- 8 Ursula Twain changed the bullets.
- 9 John Russell wanted £1,000 from Ursula.
- 10 Ursula Twain cleaned the gun.

4 Complete the sentences with these words.

motive blackmailing jealous killed robbery
blank fingerprints murder prison fired
threatened arrested

- 1 The inspector arrested Ursula for murder.
- 2 Ursula spent some time in prison for robbery.
- 3 Ursula killed John Russell, because he was blackmailing her.
- 4 Fiona fired the gun, but she thought it had blank bullets in.
- 5 Only Fiona's fingerprints were found on the gun, and she also had a motive for killing John Russell.
- 6 Fiona threatened to kill John Russell, because she was jealous.