

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell what countries you have visited.

The Mystery Part 4: Review what happened in the earlier parts of this story. Then students take turns reading a paragraph. After reading your paragraph, tell what the words in bold print mean in the sentences. In your own words, tell what your paragraph said.

The person telling the story is the author. The person he is talking with is Hank, his friend. The author was at a small grocery when his best friend, Hank pulled up and asked him if he was OK.

The story begins....

I stared at Hank **quizzically**. "I've got a few **scratches** and haven't eaten much in days, but other than that, I'm OK. But what on earth are **you** doing here?"

"Actually, I came to get you." Hank said.

"But how did you know where I was?" I asked.

"Get in the car," he said. "I'll explain on the way back to the city."

"OK, I'll get in the car, but I'm telling you, if I **get my hands on** the guy who set up my kidnapping, he'll be sorry. I'll **get my revenge**."

Hank grinned. "I might as well tell you the truth **up front**. I'm the one who ordered your kidnapping."

I was shocked...and mad! "What! But I thought you were my friend. Why would you do such a thing? I could have been hurt by those thugs."

Hank said, "I knew Dom and Rando wouldn't hurt you. They look big and mean, but they **wouldn't hurt a fly**. They work for my father in law's construction business. I needed some tough looking guys who could **pull off** the kidnapping without hurting you. They **fit the bill**."

"But why did you want me kidnapped? You're a cop. That **makes no sense**," I argued.

QUESTIONS

1-He stared at Hank quizzically. A quiz can be a noun that means test. EX: I have to study for an English quiz. Quiz can be a verb that means ask questions of someone. EX: I quizzed the neighbors, but they said they hadn't seen my dog. Quizzically is an adverb that tells how he stared. What does quizzically mean in the sentence, "I stared at Hank quizzically?" Why would he look at Hank that way?

2-What did the author say when Hank asked him if he was OK?

3-Why did the author want to know who kidnapped him?

4-Who did Hank say arranged the kidnapping? What was the author's reaction?

5-How did Hank know Dom and Rando (the thugs) wouldn't hurt his friend?

6- You may know the expression, "pull off". EX: You pull off your socks at the end of the day. You pull off your rain boots before you go inside.

But this use of "pull off" has a different meaning. It means to succeed in something that is difficult to do.

What did Hank mean when he said Dom and Rando could pull off the kidnapping without hurting anyone?

Note: The following paragraphs, except the last one are all spoken by Hank

"We've been trying to catch some really bad guys for over a year. They are bringing drugs into the country. It's a big business and these guys will **kill anyone who gets in their way**. This past weekend we **got word** a ship would be coming into the harbor filled with drugs. We were preparing for a big **bust**. Everything was **top secret**.

A day before the bust, was planned, I found out through an **informant** that you had been hired to get **evidence** on one of the drug bosses for a private case you were working on. The informant said the drug bosses couldn't have you **nosing around** the docks with a **shipment** coming in soon. So they were planning to **knock you off**. I couldn't tell you any of this because we were under **strict** orders to tell no one outside of our unit. But I couldn't let the drug bosses kill you either.

So I arranged for Dom and Rando to take a short vacation from their construction job and kidnap you. I just wanted you **out of the way** for a few days while the drug bust was going on. After the weekend, I knew we'd have the whole drug crew arrested and in jail. I just **needed you gone** for a few days.

I'm sorry about the kidnapping. And I'm sorry if Dom and Rando were a little rough with you. I couldn't tell them why I was having you kidnapped, so they figured you were some kind of **crook**. I was a little mad that they hadn't given you more food and had kept you locked in handcuffs. When I told them who you were, they were ashamed at the way they had acted. They asked me to apologize to you. Anyway, the good news is the drug bust was a success. We caught **the whole bunch**. They'll be in jail for a long time.

It took several hours for me to **process the prisoners**. I was planning on calling Dom and Rando the next morning to tell them it was safe for them to bring you back home. But before I could make that call, Dom called to say you had disappeared. They figured you had swum to shore, but they couldn't find you. They admitted they had gotten a little drunk. Apparently they really enjoyed their little vacation.

Your escape **put a monkey wrench** in my plans. But, I figured you were a **resourceful guy** and would find your way out. I knew there was only one road anywhere near that cove and figured you'd hear the truck traffic and **head toward it** Once you found the road, there was only one place you could go and that's the little grocery store. So here I am."

I was amazed. I wanted to be mad at Hank. But he probably saved my life by kidnapping me, so I couldn't stay mad. "You owe me a big dinner and an expensive bottle of wine," I said. And that's how my evening ended. A **prime table** in the best restaurant in the city with a giant steak

and a \$500 dollar bottle of wine. After a couple of glasses of wine, I had forgotten all about the kidnapping.

QUESTIONS:

1. *Why did Hank hire Dom and Rando?*
2. *Why was it necessary to kidnap the author?*
3. *Why couldn't Hank tell the author about the threat to kill him?*
4. *What were Dom and Rando ashamed about?*
5. *Who did Hank and his fellow policemen capture?*
6. *How did Hank know to come to the little grocery store?*
7. *Was the author mad at his friend, Hank?*
8. *What did the author make Hank buy him?*

Grammar: Present Perfect, Past Perfect and Future Perfect Tense

Read the sentences in one line and explain the difference in meaning between them.

Present Perfect Tense	Past Perfect Tense	Future Perfect Tense
Tom has already eaten breakfast.	Tom had already eaten breakfast when we picked him up.	Tom will already have eaten breakfast by the time we pick him up.
We have played tennis twice.	We had played tennis twice when they asked us to join the team.	We will have played tennis twice by the time we join the team.
She has been here for two months.	She had been here for two months before she started her job.	She will have been here for two months by the time she starts her job.

Note: With past perfect tense, one thing has been completed before another event occurs. In future perfect tense, an event in the future will have been completed before another future event occurs.

Choose the correct verb in these sentences.

1. I (have seen / had seen) this movie twice, so I don't want to see it again..
2. Dr. Miles (has been / had been) a professor for ten years by the time he reached his fortieth birthday.
3. Mr. Wu, you (have missed / had missed) your flight. It left ten minutes ago.
4. If Mr. Wu doesn't arrive in the next few minutes, he (had missed / will have missed) his flight.

5. When I got to the office, the meeting (have already started / had already started).
6. Jolene (has cleaned / had cleaned) the whole house before she left.
7. I (have waited / will have waited) for over an hour to see the doctor.
8. After this trip, I (have been / will have been) to Europe five times.

DISCUSS: (Teachers, extend this exercise by asking a follow up question. For example, in number 1 you could ask when was the first time you used a computer.) If you have plenty of time, have each of the students answer each question.

1. Had you used a computer before you started high school?
2. Had you tasted alcohol before you were 21?
3. Had you studied English before you came to the U.S.?
4. What had you learned before you first went to school?
5. By the time you go to bed tonight, what will you have accomplished?
6. How might you be different if you had been the oldest child in your family? the youngest?
7. What is something you had never worried about until you had children?