

Three English Robberies - Extras 1

Vocabulary matching dominoes



try do to something that you later find to be too difficult	tip-off	secret information	loot
stolen money or objects	sentence	give a punishment in court	accomplice
person who helps a criminal	vault	strong room for storing money etc.	bullion
gold or silver bars	burglary	crime of illegally entering a building and stealing from it	heist
robbery	abseil	go down a cliff or wall using ropes	bug
hide a microphone to listen secretly to people	narrow down	reduce the number of choices or possibilities	bite off more than you can chew

Three English Robberies - Extras 2

Story summary - matching dominoes - The Great Train robbery



only a small amount of it has ever been recovered.	On 8, August, 1963, a gang of men stole	over two million pounds from a mail train near London.	Months earlier they had received
a tip-off from a post office worker.	He told them that a on the 8 August, a mail train would	be carrying lots of old banknotes to London for recycling.	After careful research, they chose a lonely spot
and stopped the train in the middle of the night with a false red signal.	They unloaded the money bags onto trucks and drove	to a farmhouse which they had bought six weeks earlier.	Here they shared out the money
and celebrated before leaving the next day.	Things started to go wrong when a man they	had paid to remove evidence from the farmhouse never turned up.	Four days later the police found the farm
and discovered the fingerprints of some of the gang.	A few weeks after this, an unknown informer who	was in jail for another crime revealed most of their names.	By Christmas, most of the robbers had been caught,
and in 1964 they were sent to prison for over 300 years.	But some of them later managed to escape	while the others did not have to serve their full sentences.	As for the money, to this day

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Story summary - matching dominoes - Brink's Mat



has never been found.	On 6, November, 1983, six men robbed	a high-security warehouse near London airport.	Let into the building by an inside accomplice,
they forced the security guards to open the vaults.	They expected to find £3 million in cash but to their surprise,	they found £26 million worth of gold bars.	Hardly able to believe their good luck,
they loaded the three tons of gold into their van and drove away.	When news of the robbery became known,	the gold price increased and the value of the bars went up by £1 million.	The robbers had no idea how to sell the bullion,
so they had to get other criminals to help them.	Meanwhile, the police soon found that one of the robbers	was related to a security guard at the warehouse.	The following year two of the robbers were sentenced
to 25 years in jail while the security guard got six years.	The rest of the gang were never caught, but they argued	about how to get rid of the bullion.	And over the years, a number of criminals connected
to the robbery have been found murdered.	As for the gold, much of it was	melted down and turned into jewellery.	However, a third of the haul, worth £10m,

Three English Robberies - Extras 4

Story summary - matching dominoes - Hatton Garden



jailed a second time for refusing to say where the money is hidden.	Over the Easter weekend in 2015, £14 million in cash and valuables	was stolen from a safe deposit facility in London.	It soon became clear that the burglary
was the work of seven elderly men.	The oldest was 76, and most of them had	criminal histories stretching back to the 1960s.	On the evening before the Easter holiday
they entered the building and abseiled down a lift shaft to the basement.	They then drilled a hole through the half-metre wall of the vault	but found their way blocked by a huge metal cabinet.	Two of them gave up, but the others
went out to find a power tool that could push the cabinet over.	The next day they returned and stole 73	safe deposit boxes, which they stuffed into dustbins.	But they were careless and didn't notice
that security cameras were recording them.	The police then traced their cars, bugged them	and listened to them discussing their plans to spend the money.	By the summer, nearly all of them
had been arrested and were later sent to prison.	Of the money,	only around £4 million has been recovered.	Some of the men were later released and then

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The Great Train Robbery - vocabulary

On 8, August, 1963, a (1) _____ of men stole over two million pounds from a mail train near London. Months earlier they had received a (2) _____ from a post office worker. He told them that a on the 8 August, a mail train would be carrying lots of old (3) _____ to London for recycling. After careful research, they chose a lonely spot and stopped the train in the middle of the night with a (4) _____ red signal. They unloaded the money bags onto trucks and drove to a (5) _____ which they had bought six weeks earlier. Here they (6) _____ out the money and celebrated before leaving the next day. Things started to go wrong when a man they had paid to remove (7) _____ from the farmhouse never turned up. Four days later the police found the farm and discovered the (8) _____ of some of the gang. A few weeks after this, an unknown (9) _____ who was in jail for another crime revealed most of their names. By Christmas, most of the robbers had been caught, and in 1964 they were sent to (10) _____ for over 300 years. But some of them later managed to escape while the others did not have to serve their full (11) _____. As for the money, to this day only a small amount of it has ever been (12) _____.

The Brink's Mat robbery - vocabulary

On 6, November, 1983, six men robbed a high-security (1) _____ near London airport. Let into the building by an inside (2) _____, they forced the security guards to open the vaults. They expected to find £3 million in cash but to their (3) _____, they found £26 million worth of gold bars. Hardly able to believe their good luck, they (4) _____ the three tons of gold into their van and drove away. When news of the robbery became known, the gold price increased and the (5) _____ of the bars went up by £1 million. The robbers had no idea how to sell the (6) _____, so they had to get other criminals to help them. Meanwhile, the police soon found that one of the robbers was (7) _____ to a security guard at the warehouse. The following year two of the robbers were (8) _____ to 25 years in jail while the security guard got six years. The rest of the gang were never caught, but they argued about how to get (9) _____ of the bullion. And over the years, a number of criminals connected to the robbery have been found (10) _____. As for the gold, much of it was (11) _____ down and turned into jewellery. However, a third of the (12) _____, worth £10m, has never been found.

The Hatton Garden burglary - vocabulary

Over the Easter weekend in 2015, £14 million in cash and (1) _____ was stolen from a safe deposit facility in London. It soon became clear that the (2) _____ was the work of seven elderly men. The oldest was 76, and most of them had (3) _____ histories stretching back to the 1960s. On the evening before the Easter holiday, they entered the building and (4) _____ down a lift shaft to the basement. They then (5) _____ a hole through the half-metre wall of the vault but found their way blocked by a huge metal cabinet. Two of them gave up, but the others went out to find a power (6) _____ that could push the cabinet over. The next day they returned and stole 73 safe deposit (7) _____, which they stuffed into dustbins. But they were careless and didn't notice that (8) _____ cameras were recording them. The police then traced their cars, (9) _____ them and listened to them discussing their plans to spend the money. By the summer, nearly all of them had been arrested and were later sent to (10) _____. Of the money, only around £4 million has ever been (11) _____. Some of the men were later (12) _____ and then jailed a second time for refusing to say where the money is hidden.

Three English Robberies - Extras 6

The Great Train Robbery - grammar

On 8, August, 1963, a gang of men (1) _____ (steal) over two million pounds from a mail train near London. Months earlier they (2) _____ (receive) a tip-off from a post office worker. He (3) _____ (tell) them that a on the 8 August, a mail train would be carrying lots of old banknotes to London for recycling. After careful research, they (4) _____ (choose) a lonely spot and stopped the train in the middle of the night with a false red signal. They unloaded the money bags onto trucks and drove to a farmhouse which they (5) _____ (buy) six weeks earlier. Here they (6) _____ (share) out the money and celebrated before leaving the next day. Things started to go wrong when a man they (7) _____ (pay) to remove evidence from the farmhouse never turned up. Four days later the police (8) _____ (find) the farm and discovered the fingerprints of some of the gang. A few weeks after this, an unknown informer who (9) _____ (be) in jail for another crime revealed most of their names. By Christmas, most of the robbers (10) _____ (catch), and in 1964 they were sent to prison for over 300 years. But some of them later managed to escape while the others (11) _____ (not / have) to serve their full sentences. As for the money, to this day only a small amount of it (12) _____ (ever / recover).

The Brink's Mat robbery - grammar

On 6, November, 1983, six men (1) _____ (rob) a high-security warehouse near London airport. Let into the building by an inside accomplice, they forced the security guards (2) _____ (open) the vaults. They expected to find £3 million in cash but to their surprise, they (3) _____ (find) £26 million worth of gold bars. Hardly able to believe their good luck, they loaded the three tons of gold into their van and (4) _____ (drive) away. When news of the robbery became known, the gold price (5) _____ (increase) and the value of the bars went up by £1 million. The robbers had no idea how to sell the bullion, so they had to get other criminals (6) _____ (help) them. Meanwhile, the police soon found that one of the robbers (7) _____ (relate) to a security guard at the warehouse. The following year two of the robbers (8) _____ (sentence) to 25 years in jail while the security guard got six years. The rest of the gang (9) _____ (never / catch), but they argued about how to get rid of the bullion. And over the years, a number of criminals connected to the robbery (10) _____ (find) murdered. As for the gold, much of it (11) _____ (melt) down and turned into jewellery. However, a third of the haul, worth £10m, (12) _____ (never / find).

The Hatton Garden burglary - grammar

Over the Easter weekend in 2015, £14 million in cash and valuables (1) _____ (steal) from a safe deposit facility in London. It soon (2) _____ (become) clear that the burglary was the work of seven elderly men. The oldest was 76, and most of them (3) _____ (have) criminal histories stretching back to the 1960s. On the evening before the Easter holiday, they entered the building and (4) _____ (abseil) down a lift shaft to the basement. They then drilled a hole through the half-metre wall of the vault but (5) _____ (find) their way blocked by a huge metal cabinet. Two of them gave up, but the others went out to find a power tool that (6) _____ (can) push the cabinet over. The next day they returned and (7) _____ (steal) 73 safe deposit boxes, which they stuffed into dustbins. But they were careless and didn't notice that security cameras (8) _____ (record) them. The police then traced their cars, bugged them and listened to them (9) _____ (discuss) their plans to spend the money. By the summer, nearly all of them (10) _____ (arrest) and were later sent to prison. Of the money, only around £4 million (11) _____ (recover). Some of the men (12) _____ (later / released) and then jailed a second time for refusing to say where the money is hidden.

Three English Robberies - Answers (extras)

The Great Train Robbery - vocabulary

1. gang
2. tip-off
3. banknotes
4. false
5. farmhouse
6. shared
7. evidence
8. fingerprints
9. informer
10. prison
11. sentences
12. recovered

The Brink's Mat robbery - vocabulary

1. warehouse
2. accomplice
3. surprise
4. loaded
5. value
6. bullion
7. related
8. sentenced
9. rid
10. murdered
11. melted
12. haul

The Hatton Garden burglary - vocabulary

1. valuables
2. burglary
3. criminal
4. abseiled
5. drilled
6. tool
7. boxes
8. security
9. bugged
10. prison
11. recovered
12. released

The Great Train Robbery - grammar

1. stole
2. had received
3. told OR had told
4. chose
5. had bought
6. shared
7. had paid
8. found
9. was
10. had been caught
11. did not have
12. has ever been recovered

The Brink's Mat robbery - grammar

1. robbed
2. to open
3. found
4. drove
5. increased
6. to help
7. was related
8. were sentenced
9. were never caught OR have never been caught
10. have been found
11. was melted
12. was never found OR has never been found

The Hatton Garden burglary - grammar

1. was stolen
2. became
3. had
4. abseiled
5. found
6. could
7. stole
8. were recording OR had been recording
9. discussing
10. had been arrested
11. has been recovered
12. were later released