

Used in Evidence by Frederick Forsyth**USED IN EVIDENCE**

- 1 Because one person – Mr Larkin – would not move out of his house. The council could not knock the house down. They asked the police to remove the old man from his house.
- 2 He was not happy to see them. He thought about the headlines in the next day's newspapers. They would say that the police had behaved badly towards a poor old man.
- 3 He thought that there had to be a good reason for the old man's refusal to leave the house. He thought that the old man must have hidden something inside it – some money or some treasure.
- 4 He was going to look at the body which the police had found in Larkin's house. He was going to do a post mortem examination. Hanley needed information about how the woman had died and when she had died.
- 5 (a) A mummy is a dead body which is complete but dry. All the liquid has gone from it.
(b) The body in the house was next to a chimney. The heat and smoke from the fireplace had dried the body.
- 6 He learnt that Larkin had been born in Dublin in 1911, and that he had been in the British Army from 1940 to 1946. (He also learnt Larkin's army number.)
- 7 He was the military attaché at the British Embassy. He found out where Larkin was between 1940 and 1945, the years of the Second World War. He found out the name of the woman whom Larkin married, her age at the time of the marriage, and what her job was then. And he found out the date of the marriage.
- 8 Because it was just before the death of President Kennedy of the USA.
- 9 He thought that Larkin had not wanted to leave his house because he had killed his wife and hidden her body there.
- 10 The information told Hanley that the woman in the house was killed many years before the Larkins moved there. She was killed before 1945. So the body could not be Mrs Larkin's – she did not disappear until 1963. So Hanley decided that Mr Larkin had not killed his wife.
- 11 He thought that it was the body of that man's wife, because she had disappeared too.
- 12 *Student's own answer. The student should suggest that Larkin really had killed his wife. But her body was not hidden in the house. It was buried under the floor of the chicken shed.*
- 3 (a) He was talking about the men's jobs at the bank. They both worked at the Midland Bank, and Higgins worked at the bank's head office.
(b) Foster thought that it was funny that 'Murgatroyd' and 'Midland' both begin with the letter 'm', and 'Higgins' and 'head office' both begin with 'h'. (*When two words which begin with the same sound are spoken – or written – close together like this, the result is called 'alliteration'.*)
- 4 He liked the golden beach, the blue sky and the green palm trees. He liked the hot sun and the bright sea and the white waves.
- 5 *Student's own answer. The student should mention that the Murgatroyds did the same things each day, and Edna complained on the first day. So she probably complained on the following days too.*
- 6 It was for a person who was holding a fishing rod to sit in. He would sit in it when he was fighting with a big fish.
- 7 The squid were put onto the sharp hooks on the fishing line. If a fish ate the squid, it would swallow the hook.
- 8 If somebody caught a very big, strong fish, he would have to fight with it for a long time. The harness would keep him in the chair during the fight. The fish would not be able to pull him into the sea.
- 9 Murgatroyd fought the Emperor for more than three and a half hours.
- 10 *Student's own answer. The student might suggest that Murgatroyd did not kill the marlin because it had fought for so long. It wanted to live very much. Perhaps also, Murgatroyd gave the fish its freedom because he wanted his own freedom – he wanted to be free from Edna.*
- 11 They had been talking about Monsieur Patient's boat. And they had been talking about working together.
- 12 Roger is going to buy Monsieur Patient's boat and he is going to live on Mauritius. He and Monsieur Patient are going to take tourists game-fishing. He wants Edna to return to England.
- 13 Because she had been telling Roger for twenty-five years that she wanted to live with her sister. Now Roger was telling her to do that, so she could not complain.
- 14 *Student's own answer. The student could suggest that Edna had probably been rude to all the other guests. They did not like her. They were pleased because Roger was going to be free.*

THE EMPEROR

- 1 She was not happy about anything in her life; there was always something wrong. She always told her husband about the things which made her angry – she 'complained' about them.
- 2 (a) She complained that the island was hot and dirty.
(b) She complained that Harry Foster was drunk.

THERE ARE NO SNAKES IN IRELAND

- 1 When you do a 'cash-and-no-questions' job, the following things happen. The person who employs you, pays you for a job in cash. They do not pay the money into a bank, and they do not give you a cheque. They do not tell the government that you are working for them. And you do not tell the government either. Then you do not pay any tax to the government, and your employer does not pay any tax either.