

## The case of the empty safe

✓ case	fall	(page 31)	
✓ safe	kassaskåp	table	bord
midnight	midnatt	question	förhöra, fråga ut
✓ police constable	polis	what	vad som
minute	minut	happen	hända
call	/telefon/samtal	sir	min herre
office	kontor	front	främre
✓ upset	upprörd	alone	ensam
✓ had (av have)	hade	smash	slå sönder, krossa
✓ bandage	bandage	✓ did you do (av do)	gjorde ni
in a mess	stökig, i oordning	broken	sönderslagen, trasig
there was (av be)	det låg	✓ thief	tjuv
lamp	lampa	really	faktiskt
✓ rucked up	hopskrynklad	hit (av hit)	slog
carpet	(större) matta	go black	svartna, bli svart

wake up	wakna
✓ check	kontrollera
nodded /her head/	nickade
✓ wrote (av write)	skrev

✓ burglar	inbrottstjuv
ask	be
✓ took (av take)	tog, stäl
picture	bild



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It was just after midnight on 4 June. Police Constable Grace Hector arrived at Alan's Bingo Hall only eight minutes after the call.

When Hector got to the Hall, she found the owner, Alan Parker, in a chair in his office. He looked very upset and had a bandage around his head. The room was in a mess. There was a lamp and a picture on the floor and a rucked up carpet in the corner. The big, old safe was open and looked empty.

PC Hector sat down at a table and started to question Parker.

**Hector** Please tell me what happened, sir.  
What time was it?

5 **Parker** Well, it was five to twelve, I think.  
I was in the front room, alone,  
when I heard somebody smash a window.

**Hector** And what did you do?

**Parker** I ran to my office and opened the door.

10 **Hector** What did you find there?

**Parker** Well, I saw the broken window over there.  
A thief, I thought.  
And the third time this year too!

**Hector** Yes, yes, what else did you see, sir?

15 **Parker** Nothing really, because suddenly, somebody  
hit me on the head and everything went black.

**Hector** And when did you wake up?

**Parker** Oh, twenty minutes later, I guess, and then  
I saw that the safe was open. And all the money  
20 was gone!

PC Hector first checked the safe. Then she walked over to the window.  
She looked out, nodded her head and wrote something down.

**Hector** How much money did the burglar take, do you think, sir?

**Parker** A lot. Exactly £15,642.

25 **Hector** Hmm ... and you're sure that somebody smashed the window and jumped  
inside?

**Parker** Yes, nobody came in through the door. I was in the front room, remember?

**Hector** Well, sir. Then I must ask you to come to the police station. I'm sorry, but  
I don't believe you. I think you took the money, Mr Parker!

30 Look at the pictures. What was Alan Parker's mistake?

