

Murder Mystery - Death in the Orchestra

The Sheffield Harmonious Orchestra had nearly completed their concert. The climax was to be a cornet solo by their first cornet – Mark. The conductor motioned all other instruments to stop playing and then turned to where the first cornet should be. There was no one there. There was a long uncomfortable pause followed by embarrassed coughing and whispering. The orchestra played a couple more pieces. At the end of the concert, the ticket office was overwhelmed with audience members demanding their money back. The orchestra was facing bankruptcy!

Although Mark was a brilliant player, he was also at times, a bit absent-minded. Thinking that the concert was over at the interval, he had slipped out for a game of tennis. That was to be his last game of tennis. For later that night, the police were called to investigate his murder. It was clear that the murderer was another member of the orchestra. A list of 32 suspects was drawn up.

They discovered 5 clues. Each of these clues was in the form of a jigsaw. Can you use your literacy skills to piece together each clue to discover who the murderer is? The clue is written on the outside of each jigsaw and starts with an underlined word(s) and reads anti-clockwise. The clues can be tackled in any order. Each clue will remove half of the suspects.

Clue 1 – match antonyms (opposites) to form a hexagon.

Clue 2 – match synonyms (words with similar meanings) to form a rhombus.

Clue 3 - match beginnings and endings of proverbs to form a rectangle.

Clue 4- match idioms with meanings to form a square.

Clue 5- match animals with their young to form a parallelogram.

