

Case 4: A message from prison



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Hi Carol, my beautiful girl,
it's not bad here in prison but I miss the sunny days of October
in our beautiful garden. How's Skippy, our new dog with the
seven brown spots and the lovely face? Does he still bark a
lot during the night?

Little dogs are sometimes scared when there's nobody at home.
I think you can come and see me next Monday. Tell the children
that I love them!

xxx
Bud

Folgende Wörter sollten vorab geklärt werden, um das Textverständnis zu sichern: *blow up, cash machine, destroy, turn s.th. upside down, bury, kennel, nurse, school outing*



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- Ch. I. Fletcher: So, you arrested Bud Douglas!
- I. Longsdon: Yes indeed, we arrested him only two hours after he had blown up the cash machine in the entrance hall of the bank. He destroyed the video camera above the cash machine, but he overlooked the second camera in the other corner, so we could see his face for a few seconds and we recognized Bud Douglas at once.
- Ch. I. Fletcher: That's great. Did you find the money?
- C. Walker: Well, that's the problem – we're still working on – so far we don't know where the money is. The video cameras which observe the traffic clearly show that he drove straight back to his home after he had taken the money, and that's where we arrested him. He thought that nobody had seen him and so he probably thought that he was safe in his house.
- Ch. I. Fletcher: Didn't you find the money in the house or in the garden?
- I. Longsdon: No, we didn't. We turned everything upside down, examined the lawn in the little garden – robbers often bury the money in the garden – but we didn't find anything. I even looked into the dog's kennel – nothing... but the bloody dog tried to bite me!
- Ch. I. Fletcher: What about his wife? Did she have a chance of hiding the money somewhere else?
- I. Longsdon: No, that's impossible. She works as a nurse and she was on duty before he went to the bank and came back from work only after we had arrested Bud. And she was in the hospital all the time, we checked it. And, of course, we checked her mobile phone and the phones in the hospital, but there were no calls for her. So, Bud obviously didn't contact her.
- Ch. I. Fletcher: He's got two children, hasn't he? Could they possibly...?
- C. Walker: No, definitely not. I talked to their teachers – the children were on a school outing all day. They came back rather late in the evening.
- Ch. I. Fletcher: Has he tried to contact his wife since he was taken to prison? He might try to tell her where the money is.
- I. Longsdon: Well, he wrote her a short letter, that's all. Of course, we read the letter, but he didn't write anything about the money. His spelling is horrible, by the way. I wasn't very good at spelling when I was a pupil, but his spelling is a lot worse. He must have been a lousy pupil at school...
- C. Walker: Excuse me, can I have a look at the letter? Thank you. Oh God, the handwriting is horrible, and the spelling is really bad... Mmh.... That's interesting... I think I know where we have to look for the money.



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– Solution –

C. Fletcher:

Really? That's impossible!

C. Walker:

Well, it's actually quite easy. The spelling mistakes are a secret message for his wife. If you write down the letters which are wrong or missing, you get "look under the kennel" – that's probably where the money is, under the kennel, not in the kennel. And we didn't look properly because the dog always tried to bite us. Perhaps Bud isn't as bad at spelling as we thought.



