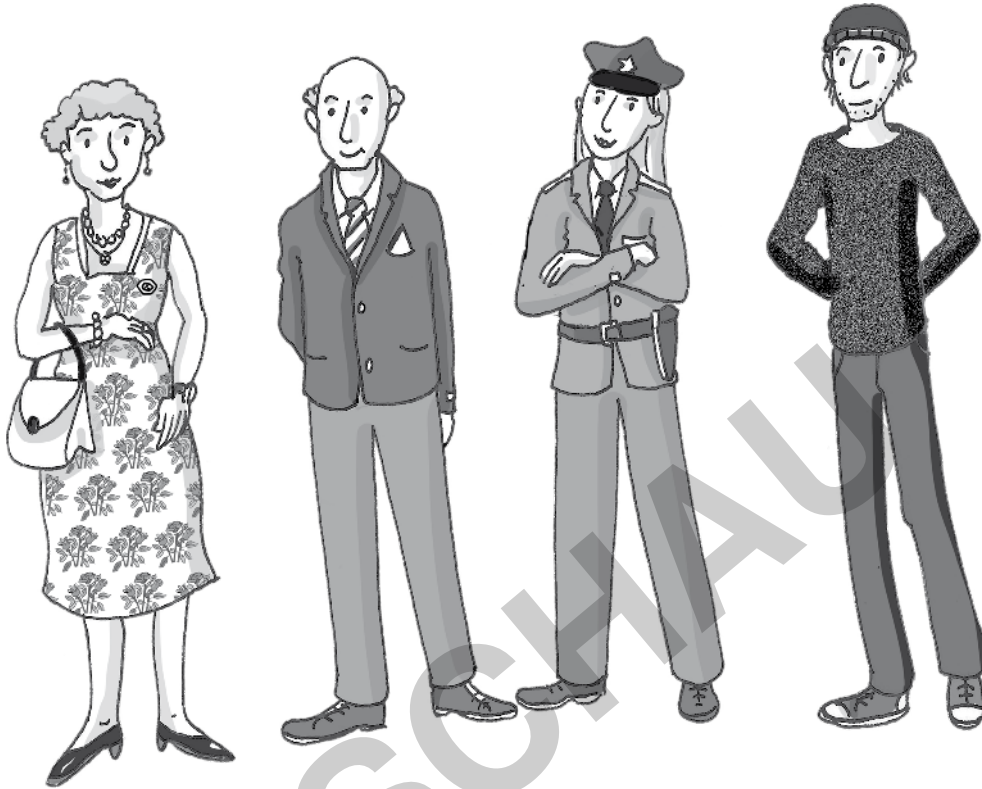


**Case 5: The stolen jewellery!**



Lady Gwendolyn

Sir Mortimer

Chief Constable Cumming

Skinny Bill



Folgende Wörter sollten vorab geklärt werden, um das Textverständnis zu sichern: *skinny, plump, burglar/burglary, jewellery, necklace, wedding, drain pipe, trellis, fear of heights*



## Case 5: The stolen jewellery! – 1



Narrator:

It was near midnight when Sir Mortimer and Lady Gwendolyn were driving up to their home.

Lady  
Gwendolyn:

It was a wonderful evening, wasn't it, darling?

Sir Mortimer:

It certainly was, my dear. I'm glad you had the idea of buying tickets for this evening's theatre performance.

Lady  
Gwendolyn:

Thank you, darling, it's very nice of you to say so. But you had the idea of having dinner in this lovely Indian restaurant before...  
Oh, look, what's that near our balcony?

Sir Mortimer:

There are two men in black clothes running away! I'll call the police!

Narrator:

When the police arrived twenty minutes later, they had two men with them in the car: a very tall, skinny one and a short, plump one. Both of them were wearing black clothes.

Ch. C.  
Cumming:

We caught these two men as they were running to their car. We've known them for quite a while: Little Andrew and Skinny Bill. They've been arrested for burglary several times, so I wouldn't be surprised if they had broken into your home. Have you already checked if something is missing?

Lady  
Gwendolyn:

All my jewellery is gone, even the necklace which my great-great-grandmother got for her wedding! This is a catastrophe!

Ch. C.  
Cumming:

Don't worry, Lady Gwendolyn, I'm sure we'll find your jewellery. May I first have a closer look at your house?

Narrator:

Then the chief constable and his men closely examined all the rooms and also had a look at the house from the outside.

Ch. C.  
Cumming:

Well, it's obvious that the burglars came over the balcony. The glass door of the bedroom which opens onto the balcony is broken and the jewellery was in the bedroom you said. But how did they get onto the balcony? There's nothing you can use to climb onto it, no drain pipe, no trellis, nothing. And there are no traces of a ladder in the grass, just footprints. How on earth did they get onto the balcony?

Sir Mortimer:

Perhaps one of them climbed onto the shoulders of the other one and so he could reach the balcony. Would this be possible?

Ch. C.  
Cumming:

Mmh... could be... Come on, you two, get out of the car and come here. Now, I want one of you to climb onto the shoulders of the other one and try to reach the balcony.



## Case 5: The stolen jewellery! – 2



**Skinny Bill:** What for? I'm not very good at acrobatics and, anyway, I'm afraid of heights.

**Ch. C. Cumming:** Shut up and do what I tell you!

**Narrator:** Moaning and swearing, Little Andrew climbed onto Skinny Bill's shoulders and stretched his arms towards the balcony – but he couldn't reach it, he was more than fifteen centimetres short.

**Ch. C. Cumming:** Ok, you can get down again... but I'm sure it was them! Just how the hell did they get onto the balcony? They can't fly, can they?

**Case 5: The stolen jewellery! – 3****– Solution –**

Lady  
Gwendolyn:

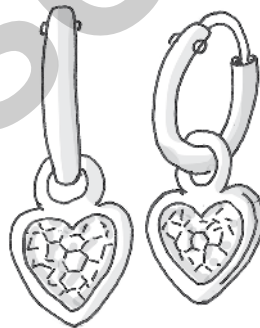
But dear Mrs Cumming, it's quite easy, really.

Ch. I.  
Cumming:

I do beg your pardon, Lady Gwendolyn. Flying is easy?

Lady  
Gwendolyn:

You are funny, Mrs Cumming! No, the solution to this problem is easy. Look, short people have short arms and tall people have long arms. So, if Skinny Bill stands on Little Andrew's shoulders, he can easily reach the balcony with his long arms and pull himself up. Just look at Skinny Bill's angry face now – I think he knows that I'm right...



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