



WELCOME BACK!

Let's read "The leg of lamb" by Roald Dahl!

Pre-reading

Predictions:

1) Look at the title of the story and answer:

a) What do you think "Leg of Lamb" means?

b) How could it relate to the story?

2) Look at an image related to the story and describe what you see in 2-3 sentences.



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b



c

3) Key Vocabulary:

Match the following words with their definitions:

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| a) Bewildered | 1) Very anxious, worried, or in a panic |
| b) Tranquil | 2) Strange or unusual |
| c) Peculiar | 3) Confused and uncertain |
| d) Congealed | 4) Calm and peaceful |
| e) Frantic | 5) Turned from liquid to solid, thickened |

4) Answer the following questions:

1-Who is Mary Maloney?

2-What was she doing at the beginning of the story?

3-How does she react when she receives the news from her husband?

4-Why does Mary decide to act as if nothing happened after the murder?

5-What clues could the police have noticed?

5) Grammar in Context: Identify the verb tenses in the following sentences taken from the story:

1-"She was waiting for her husband to come home."

2- "He had finished his drink and was standing by the window."

3- "If the police had been more careful, they might have suspected her."

6) Transform the following sentences:

1- From active to passive: "Mary hit Patrick with a leg of lamb."

2- From past simple to past continuous: "She turned on the oven."

3-Use second conditional: "Mary didn't confess. (If Mary...)"

7) Complete the following passage with the correct verb tense (past simple, past continuous, past perfect, present perfect, passive voice, or conditional sentences).

"Mary Maloney _____ (sit) in her armchair, peacefully waiting for her husband. He _____ (not/arrive) yet, so she _____ (decide) to pour herself a small drink. A few minutes later, Patrick _____ (walk) into the room. He _____ (seem) unusually quiet, and Mary _____ (notice) that something _____ (be) wrong. When he finally spoke, she realized that her life _____ (change) forever. If he _____ (tell) her earlier, perhaps she _____ (react) differently. But at that moment, she _____ (feel) nothing but shock."

"The police _____ (arrive) at the Maloney house shortly after Mary _____ (call) them. She _____ (cry) when they _____ (ask) her what had happened. The officers _____ (not/suspect) her at all because she _____ (seem) genuinely shocked. If they _____ (examine) the leg of lamb more carefully, they _____ (discover) the truth. Instead, they _____ (eat) the evidence, completely unaware of the irony."

8) Discussion:

How would the story have changed if Mary had reacted differently? Explain with examples using conditional sentences.

9) Post-reading:

-Do you think Mary planned the murder, or was it an impulse?

-Is the ending of the story fair?

10) Writing:

Write a letter from Mary's point of view explaining her actions.