Joe Good and John Bad *head to* Newton.

Thirty-year-old Julie has been missing for several days.

Her mom -who lives **abroad**- **signaled** her daughter missing.

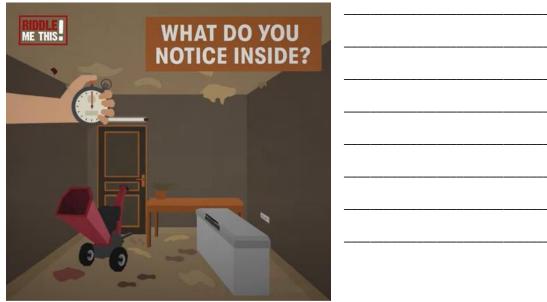
Julie is married to Rick, whom no one has heard from.

The two police officers head to Rick's house to ask him some questions.

There's no one in front of the house, but officers can see that the **garage** door is

# slightly **ajar**.

#### What do you notice inside?



### Vocabulary:

*head to – expression.* To begin to go somewhere

**abroad** - *adj*. in a foreign country; *adv*. to or in a foreign country; in a place across an ocean; far away from home or one's usual surroundings

**signal** - *adj.* notably out of the ordinary; *noun* any communication that encodes a message; any incitement to action; an electric quantity (voltage or current or field strength) whose modulation represents coded information about the source from which it comes; *verb* be a signal for or a symptom of; communicate silently and non-verbally by signals or signs

garage - noun an outbuilding (or part of a building) for housing automobiles; a repair shop where cars and trucks are serviced and repaired; verb keep or store in a garage

ajar - adj. slightly open

"Hello gentlemen, I didn't expect to find the police in my house!" Rick said.

"Hello, we're looking for your wife. Her friends haven't heard from her in a while, and they're getting pretty worried." The officers replied.

"My wife? Just between us, things are a bit **strained** at the moment, so I'm not sure where she might be. She might be at her Mom's in Denmark."

What Rick didn't know is that Joe and John had come here **specifically** at Julie's Mom's request. This man is probably lying. **What do you do?** 



Grammar questions:

• Who said "things are a bit strained at the moment." :

A) John B) Joe C) Rick

• This is an example of **direct speech / reported speech**.

## Vocabulary:

**strained** - *adj.* under great stress; struggling for effect; lacking spontaneity; not natural; lacking natural ease **specifically** - *adv.* in distinction from others

"Good enough for us," Joe Good said, he thanked him, and told him to have a good day.

Later, in the car, John Bad said "Joe, you know what you're doing I hope."

Yep!" replied Joe Good, "we're going to look into him and send a **surveillance** team to follow him **discreetly** and **report** back on his every move."

At the station later, they spoke to Julie's mom on the phone.

"Rick is not a good husband" she insisted, "he *cheated on* Julie several times. You should know this! She once told me '*Mom, if* anything happens to me, don't think it was an accident.' Please sir find my daughter!" "Thank you for your **statement** ma'am we'll do everything we can." Said Joe Good.

At that very moment, Joe Good was contacted by the officers charged with following Rick.

"There's a massive **snowstorm** out here. Our man left in his truck but we lost him because of the lack of visibility. We've gone back to his place to wait." They said.

"Copy that, over." Replied Joe Good.

"Joe, I looked into Rick's recent activity just before his wife disappeared." Said John Bad, "The man made several pretty **bizarre** purchases."

# What do you think Rick bought?



## Vocabulary:

surveillance - noun close observation of a person or group (usually by the police)
discreetly - adv. with discretion; prudently and with wise self-restraint
report the act of telling somebody some information
cheated on – expression Not being faithful to their wife/husband
statement - a message that is stated or declared;
snowstorm - noun a storm with widespread snowfall accompanied by strong winds
bizarre - adj. conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual; strange; weird.

- Who 'thanked him, and told him to have a good day...' –
   A) John
  - .
  - B) Joe C) Rick

- This is an example of **direct speech / reported speech**.
- 'Mom, if anything happens to me, don't think it was an accident.'
- This is an example of direct speech within reported speech / direct speech within direct speech

"I think it's time we went back for a bit more information." John Bad said. "I just heard from our **colleagues** that Rick's back at home." Joe and John *headed back* to question Rick in his garage. The first thing they notice is that the freezer is missing.

"It wasn't working," Rick said "So, I ended up just throwing it out." While they're **interrogating** Rick, Joe and John received an important call from their colleague.

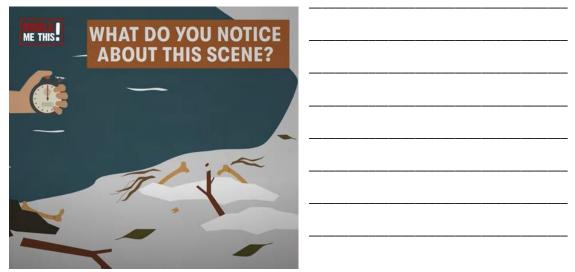
"I just got testimony from a snowplow driver, he says he saw a truck driving strangely just now along the banks of the river outside the city. He described the truck and it matches that of our **suspect**. I think somebody should go have a look out there." He said.

"Shoot our man is fleeing in his truck!" Said John Bad, "Move!"

The two detectives arrested Rick and sent him to police **headquarters** "Alright, let's head to that Lake, John." Joe Good said,

At the lake John Bad said, "This is where our witness says he saw the suspect. We're going to need to look for proof."

### What do you notice about this scene?



#### Vocabulary:

colleague - noun a person who is member of your class or profession; an associate you work with.

*headed back – expression.* Going back to where you came from.

Interrogate – Verb. Ask questions to someone suspected of committing a crime.

suspect noun someone who is under suspicion;

flee - verb run away quickly

**headquarters** - *noun* the military installation from which a commander performs the functions of command; (usually plural) the office that serves as the administrative center of an enterprise; (plural) a military unit consisting of a commander and the headquarters staff

witness - noun testimony by word or deed to your religious faith; someone who sees an event and reports what happened; (law) a person who attests to the genuineness of a document or signature by adding their own signature; (law) a person who testifies under oath in a court of law; a close observer; someone who looks at something (such as an exhibition of some kind); verb be a witness to; perceive or be contemporaneous with

proof - any factual evidence that helps to establish the truth of something;

They decided to bring everything back to *run through* the lab. After several hours of waiting, Joe and John finally got their results. Forensics proved that everything at the scene belonged to Julie. The officers **concluded** that Julie was killed by her husband Rick. Rick then put her body into the freezer before putting it through the wood chipper. He then dumped the remains into the truck, and brought them to the lake to attempt to bury them. The freezer has yet to be found.

"This is definitely the first time I've had a case in which a man is found **guilty** of murder without a body ever being recovered." Said John Bad.

"He thought he could get away with it by going through all of that. He's continuing to **claim** his own **innocence**. He's given no explanation, nothing!" replied Joe Good.

### Vocabulary:

run through - expression. To closely examine something.

conclude - verb bring to a close; reach a conclusion after a discussion or deliberation; reach agreement on; come to a close; decide by reasoning; draw or come to a conclusion

guilty - adj. showing a sense of guilt; responsible for or chargeable with a reprehensible act; or marked by guilt

**claim** - *noun* demand for something as rightful or due; an informal right to something; an assertion of a right (as to money or property); an assertion that something is true or factual; an established or recognized right; a demand especially in the phrase "the call of duty"; *verb* take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs; assert or affirm strongly; state to be true or existing; lay claim to; as of an idea; ask for legally or make a legal claim to, as of debts, for example; demand as being one's due or property; assert one's right or title to

innocence - noun a state or condition of being innocent of a specific crime or offense; the quality of innocent naivete; the state of being unsullied by sin or moral wrong; lacking a knowledge of evil