
ANSWER KEY

Unit 8**A**

The first story was about a 17-year-old guy who stabbed his girlfriend to death and then cut her head off. He dumped the body in a trashcan, where it was found by rubbish collectors. He then disappeared for six months. The girl's family were quite poor – and the killer was very rich – but they organised demonstrations and used the web and the media and generated a lot of publicity. The police were accused of somehow being corrupt and being involved. In the end, the guy handed himself in to the police. After that, lots of his family and friends were arrested on suspicion of having helped him.

The other story was about a friend of Nicci's who had his motorbike stolen one day. He was on his way to church and was almost out of gas / petrol when two other guys rode up to him, pointed a gun at him and told him to get off his motorbike. He did as they asked. One guy jumped onto his bike, but it soon ran out of gas – leaving him to run off as Nicci's friend called the police!

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Nicci says she's not worried if Daniels' story is horrible. She can deal with it – because she's used to watching *CSI*!

The family of the murdered girl have organised *demonstrations*, demanding answers and justice for the girl.

The family of the murdered girl have accused *the police* of corruption and of somehow being involved in the murder. They've used the media to put pressure on *the police* and to keep the investigation alive.

All the *DNA* evidence links the guy to the murder.

Nicci's friend was on his way to *church* – on his motorbike – when he was stopped!

The two guys who stole his bike threatened him with *a gun*.

The guy who got onto the bike only managed to ride *about ten metres* before it ran out of gas / petrol.

Nicci thinks the criminals can't have been professionals. If they had been, they would have done a better job!

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- 1 I can deal with it
- 2 cut her head off
- 3 dumped the body
- 4 they might've helped him
- 5 made lots of accusations
- 6 put pressure on the police
- 7 must've been involved
- 8 on his way to church
- 9 pointed a gun at him
- 10 ran out of gas

VIDEO SCRIPT

Nicci So, do you have any stories?

Daniel Well, I could only think of one thing. It's quite recent, from my country – but it's pretty horrible.

Nicci It's OK. I watch CSI. I can deal with it.

Daniel Well, it was a murder. A really disgusting murder. This 17-year-old guy stabbed his girlfriend and then cut her head off – with a saw. Like in a horror movie or something.

Nicci That's terrible! Why did he do it? Do they know?

Daniel Apparently, he was jealous or something, but I haven't told you the really crazy part yet.

Nicci Go on. What?

Daniel Well, first he dumped her body in a trashcan, where it was found by rubbish collectors, but then he disappeared for six months, and the police think the family must be involved. They think they might've helped him to hide or escape and that maybe they helped him to hide the body as well.

Nicci That's just awful! Were his family rich or something?

Daniel Yeah, very, very rich – and the girl was from quite a poor family. It's only because her family made a lot of publicity that anything happened, I think. They organised demonstrations and used the web and the media and made lots of accusations. They said the police must've somehow been involved or been corrupted or something. It became a big news story and that put pressure on the police.

Nicci So what happened at the end? Did they catch the guy?

Daniel Yeah. In the end, he went to the police station himself, with his lawyer. Seven months after the murder. And all the DNA linked him to the crime. They started arresting his family and his friends and everything. Lots of people must've been involved. It's crazy.

Nicci Wow! I don't know what to say. My story is nothing like this. It's more comedy than tragedy.

Daniel Maybe that's good. So tell me about it.

Nicci Well, this story actually happened to a friend of mine a few years ago. He was riding his motorbike one Sunday. He was on his way to church. Then he suddenly noticed he was running out of gas, but for some reason he ignored it and kept going. A few minutes later, two guys on another motorcycle came up to him and one of them pointed a gun at him and told him to get off the motorcycle, which of course he did.

Daniel Yes. You don't argue with a gun.

Nicci No. Then one of the guys jumped on ... onto ... his bike and rode it for maybe ten metres, when suddenly he totally ran out of gas! He just dropped the bike there and started running like crazy, when he saw my friend calling the police.

Daniel That's a great story. Probably the best time ever to run out of gas.

Nicci Definitely.

Daniel Lucky they didn't use the gun, though. He could've been hurt.

Nicci They must not have been ... no, they can't have been professionals.