

Quiz on Detective Vocabulary (Answers below)

Fill in the blanks using these words:

accurately, area, aspects, attained, attainments, authorities, conceived, concluded, conclusive, cultures, detective, detectives, evidence, examined, expert, experts, finally, inaccurate, inferences, inferred, insightful, insights, intensively, investigation, investigator, link, mental, mentally, motivation, observations, observer, observers, procedures, processes, reaction, revealed, series, similar, somewhat, techniques, unique.

If you aren't sure what word to use, you can answer the multiple choice questions below to find out.

The police began an 1. _____ after a 2. _____ of bank robberies in the Portland 3. _____. The detectives followed their usual 4. _____ without finding new 5. _____. Finally they 6. _____ that it must be an "inside" job. (Someone in the banking business must have been involved.) They called in an 7. _____ on criminal 8. _____ and asked him for 9. _____ into the 10. _____ 11. _____ of white collar criminals.*

Several national newspapers reported on the 12. _____ (very unusual) 13. _____ of the case, and its 14. _____ to a 15. _____ 16. _____ [somewhat similar] case in Washington DC the year before. After a long investigation, 17. _____ 18. _____ solved the case when a dying bank auditor** 19. _____ his guilt to one of the investigators. He said that he had told friends within three banks he audited how to hide some of their funds so they could escape to Brazil with them later. They had deliberately kept 20. _____ records of deposits and withdrawals for more than two years.

Choose the best word to match each definition. (It is also the word that belongs with the same number in the story above.)

1. Another word for inquiry; a procedure for finding out what happened
A. detection B. investigation C. inspection D. evidence

2. a related grouping or set
A. reaction B. culture C. series D. conclusion

3. district or location
A. area B. link C. unique D. process

4. methods or steps
A. attainments B. reaction C. culture D. procedures

5. physical hints or clues about what happened
A. evidence B. techniques C. processes D. reactions

6. decided, based on all the information they had
A. investigated B. examined C. attained D. concluded

7. a person with more knowledge about something than most people have; an authority on the subject
A. detective B. investigator C. expert D. observer

8. the feelings and thinking that cause a person's actions
A. reaction B. series C. motivation D. aspects

9. ideas to help people understand something
A. techniques B. procedures C. cultures D. insights

10. related to the mind
A. unique B. mental C. inferred D. conceived

11. the steps or ways something works
A. processes B. reactions C. observations D. series

12. one-of-a-kind
A. cultural B. conclusive C. unique D. insightful

13. angles or sides of something
A. attainments B. aspects C. inferences D. links

14. connections
A. links B. procedures C. techniques D. observations

15. partially, in some ways
A. somewhat B. reacted C. unique D. detected

16. alike in many ways, resembling something else
A. inconceivable B. insightful C. cultural D. similar

17. people who investigate crimes
A. observers B. experts C. detectives D. authorities

18. at last, after a long time
A. accurately B. mentally C. finally D. intensively

19. declared or showed openly
A. conceived B. inferred C. examined D. revealed

20. incorrect; lots of mistakes in details
A. unique B. expert C. similar D. inaccurate

*White collar criminals are professional people with responsible jobs who steal (embezzle) money from their company in a way that cannot easily be detected-- by recording false expenses, for example.

**An auditor is someone-- usually outside the organization, or at least with independent authority-- who checks the accuracy of an organization's books.

Answers

The police began an 1. investigation after a 2. series of bank robberies in the Portland 3. area. The detectives followed their usual 4. procedures without finding new 5. evidence. Finally they 6. concluded that it must be an “inside” job. (Someone in the banking business must have been involved.) They called in an 7. expert on criminal 8. motivation and asked him for 9. insights into the 10. mental 11. processes of white collar criminals.*

Several national newspapers reported on the 12. unique (very unusual) 13. aspects of the case, and its 14. links to a 15. somewhat 16. similar case in Washington DC the year before. After a long investigation, 17. detectives 18. finally solved the case when a dying bank auditor** 19. revealed his guilt to one of the investigators. He said that he had told friends within three banks he audited how to hide some of their funds so they could escape to Brazil with them later. They had deliberately kept 20. inaccurate records of deposits and withdrawals for more than two years.

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1. Another word for inquiry; a procedure for finding out what happened
B. investigation
2. a related grouping or set
C. series
3. district or location
A. area
4. methods or steps
D. procedures
5. physical hints or clues about what happened
A. evidence
6. decided, based on all the information they had
D. concluded
7. a person with more knowledge about something than most people have; an authority on the subject
C. expert
8. the feelings and thinking that cause a person’s actions
C. motivation (See explanation below.)
9. ideas to help people understand something
D. insights

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B. mental
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A little more explanation of the answers:

8. motivation (A reaction is a response, not a cause)
19. revealed. The guilty auditor did not 'infer' it. He might have implied it (suggested the idea indirectly without clearly stating it.) The detectives might have inferred, or guessed, it.