

# “B” is for Burglar

SUE GRAFTON

**1** *She* is a private detective, 32 years old, lives and works in Santa Teresa, in southern California. A few days before this story starts, she was shot.

**2** *Student’s own answer.* Students should give answers using words that could be linked to crime novels, for example:

“D” is for Death or “D” is for Disaster  
“E” is for Enemy or “E” is for End

The real titles of Sue Grafton’s “D” and “E” novels are: “D” is for Deadbeat and “E” is for Evidence.

**3** a *Beverly Danziger*: sister  
b *Sidney Rowan*: cousin  
c *Tillie Ahlberg*: manager of condominiums where Elaine lives in Santa Teresa, California  
d *John Pickett*: dentist  
e *Roland Makowski*: manager of condominiums where Elaine lives in Boca Raton, Florida  
f *Robert Perreti*: neighbor in Florida  
g *Pat Usher*: friend, staying in condominium in Florida  
h *Marty Grice*: neighbor in Santa Teresa who died in a house which was burned down in a fire, six months before the start of the story  
i *Leonard Grice*: husband of Marty Grice

**4** *Student’s own answer.* Suspicious characters at this stage could be: *Pat Usher*: She tells lies to Kinsey about Elaine. (For example, that Elaine could drive.) *Beverly Danziger*: She doesn’t want to go to the police and report Elaine as a missing person. She tells Kinsey to stop working on the case until she talks to her husband. *Nephew of Leonard Grice*: His face goes red and he looks uncomfortable when Kinsey questions him.

**5** *Student’s own answers.*

a *Page 39*: dialogue in speech bubbles based on the conversation between Kinsey and Leonard on pages 38 to 41.  
b *Page 46*: a thought bubble showing that Kinsey is wondering who came to the door, or who killed Marty, or when this person killed Marty.  
c *Page 61*: dialogue in speech bubbles based on the conversation between Kinsey and Aubrey Danziger on pages 58 to 62.

**6** *Student’s own answers.*

a *Page 67*: dialogue in speech bubbles based on the conversation between Kinsey and Julia Ochsner on pages 65 to 66.  
b *Page 73*: your own ideas for the thought bubbles from Kinsey and Tillie Ahlberg when they find the body of Wim Hoover. (This scene is described in the last four lines of page 72.)  
c *Page 79*: a thought bubble and a speech bubble based on the scene described on page 78. Thought bubble—Kinsey is just noticing that the name on the dental records has been altered from Elaine Boldt to Marty Grice. She is therefore realizing that Marty Grice is the murderer, and Elaine Boldt was murdered by her. Speech bubble—Mrs Pickett, the dentist’s wife, is noticing Kinsey’s strange or excited reaction to the discovery that the name has been altered.

**7** *Student’s own answer.*

**8** *Student’s own answer.*

**9** *Student’s own answer.*

**10** *Student’s own answer.*