

Words and Expressions

abruptly	— suddenly, unexpectedly	اچانک
anxiety	— nervousness; worry; concern; unease; restlessness; fear	اضطراب۔ پریشانی
appall	— shock; stun; horrify; terrify	ہراساں کرنا۔ چونکا دینا۔ خوفزدہ کرنا
astounded	— stunned; confused; astonished; shocked	ہنگامہ۔ حیرت زدہ
authentic	— true; reliable; dependable; genuine	اصل۔ حقیقی۔ قابل اعتبار
chill	— sudden fear; coldness	خوف۔ سردی
chop	— fleshy bone pieces; a section of rib	چانپ
circumstance	— condition; situation	صورتحال
contemptuous	— scornful, showing and feeling contempt	حقارت پر مبنی
couch	— sofa; settee	صوفہ
counter	— give an opposing answer; refute; contradict	اختلافی جواب دینا۔ رد کرنا
curious	— inquisitive, eager to know; interested	متجسس
disgusted	— offended; annoyed; sickened; appalled	متنفر
dismay	— disappointment, fear, worry or sadness	افسردگی۔ مایوسی
embarrassed	— nervous; confused; ashamed	پریشان۔ شرمندہ
eccentric	— queer; odd; abnormal	انوکھا، عجیب، خبطی
fasten	— attach, tie; affix	باندھنا۔ جوڑنا
frown	— make displeased expression; scowl	تیوری چڑھانا، ماتھے پر بل ڈالنا
furor	— uproar; excitement; commotion; fuss	ہنگامہ۔ شور و غوغا
gadget	— tool; apparatus; device; toy	آلہ
gasp	— pant; a short audible intake of breath	سانس پھولنے کی کیفیت
glare	— gaze; stare intently and angrily	نظریں جما کر دیکھنا۔ گھورنا
guarded	— cautious, careful; restrained	محتاج
guilt	— awareness of wrongdoing; self-reproach; remorse; sense of sin	احساسِ جرم
impulsively	— instinctively; acting on a sudden urge; thoughtlessly	اچانک۔ سوچے سمجھے بغیر
incredulous	— unable or unwilling to believe; disbelieving	جو آسانی سے یقین نہ کرے۔
indemnity	— compensation; insurance against damage or loss	انشورنس۔ تلافی۔ ہرجانہ
intrigue	— interest; charm; captivate; fascinate	لُبھانا۔ دلچسپی پیدا کرنا
intriguing	— interesting; fascinating	دلچسپ۔ دلفریب

monetarily	– financially	مالی طور پر
native	– local; resident; citizen; inhabitant	مقامی شخص
nonetheless	– however; in spite of that; nevertheless	البتہ۔ تاہم۔ اس کے باوجود
numbly	– insensibly; expressionlessly; dully; emotionlessly	بے حس۔ سُن۔ مفلوج
offend	– cause resentment or hurt; displease; annoy	ناراض کرنا۔ تکلیف دینا
offensive	– annoying; rude; impolite; distasteful; unpleasant	ناخوشگوار۔ غیر شائستہ
pound	– hit; strike hard and repeatedly; beat	پٹنا۔ ضرب لگانا
proposition	– offer; an idea or plan; proposal	تجویز۔ منصوبہ
repress	– suppress; control; check or restrain; hold back	دبانا۔ روکنا
restrain	– control; keep in cheque; hold back; check	قابو میں رکھنا۔ روکنا
ridiculous	– absurd, silly or unreasonable; illogical	احقاقہ۔ لایعنی۔ مضحکہ خیز
scoffing	– mocking; taunting; derisive	طنزیہ۔ حقارت آمیز
shove	– push roughly; thrust; jostle	دھکیلنا۔ لوگوں کو ادھر ادھر دھکیلتے ہوئے آگے بڑھنا
shriek	– make loud shrill sound; cry; yell; scream	چینا
shrug	– to raise the shoulders as a gesture of indifference	کندھے اچکانا۔ بے اعتنائی کا اظہار کرنا
shudder	– tremble; shiver	کانپنا
skull	– head or mind	سر۔ کھوپڑی
slide	– move smoothly; slip	پھسلنا۔ سرکنا
smash	– hit; break; shatter	ضرب لگانا۔ توڑنا
stack	– arrange; pile up	جوڑنا۔ ترتیب سے رکھنا
stare	– gaze, look fixedly; glare	گھورنا۔ مسلسل دیکھنا
stumble	– stagger, walk unsteadily; hobble	لڑکھڑانا
subway	– underground railroad	زیر زمین ریلوے لائن
swallow	– to believe without questioning; accept; especially because of nervousness; gulp	نگلنا
thrust	– push forcefully; shove	دھکیلنا۔ ٹھونسن
toss	– to throw something lightly or carelessly	ہلکے ہلکے انداز میں یا بے اعتنائی سے کسی چیز کو مچال دینا
vaguely	– unclearly; ambiguously	مبہم انداز میں
visible	– noticeable; obvious	واضح
whirl	– turn, move while turning quickly; spin	گھومنا۔ مڑنا

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

1. A **cube-shaped** carton sealed with tape.
(A) two-sided (B) six-sided
(C) four-sided (D) five-sided
2. Push-button unit **fastened** to a small wooden box.
(A) detached (B) pulled
(C) wrapped (D) attached
3. She put the lamb **chops** in the broiler.
(A) fleshy bone pieces (B) steaks
(C) minced meat (D) cutlets
4. She put the lamb chops in the **broiler**.
(A) icebox (B) grill
(C) hotpot (D) cabinet
5. The glass **dome** covered the button.
(A) vaulting lid (B) four-sided base
(C) flat bottom (D) base
6. Mr. Steward will **call on** you.
(A) persuade (B) return
(C) visit (D) offer
7. She put the button-unit on the **couch**.
(A) sofa (B) almirah
(C) chair (D) table
8. "Mrs. Lewis?" he inquired **politely**.
(A) courteously (B) curiously
(C) urgently (D) persuasively
9. Norma **repressed** a smile.
(A) urged (B) checked
(C) have (D) wear
10. It was a **sales pitch**.
(A) sales measure (B) proposition
(C) monetary gain (D) sales deal
11. I am **rather** busy.
(A) somewhat (B) not at all
(C) occasionally (D) always
12. Mr. Steward's tone had been **offensive**.
(A) artificial (B) annoying
(C) cold (D) encouraging
13. "Monetarily?" she **challenged**.
(A) presumed (B) contested
(C) blurted (D) demanded
14. She didn't like his **attitude**.
(A) proposition (B) embarrassment
(C) sentiment (D) behaviour
15. He **hesitated**.
(A) challenged (B) insisted
(C) paused (D) hastened
16. Norma **stared** at the small man.
(A) glanced (B) ignored
(C) enlightened (D) gazed
17. The offer is completely **genuine**.
(A) authentic (B) valuable
(C) fake (D) eccentric
18. Mr. Steward looked **embarrassed**.
(A) reduced (B) confused
(C) disgraced (D) indeed
19. I am not **at liberty** to tell that.
(A) curious (B) limited
(C) permitted (D) forbidden
20. The organization is of international **scope**.
(A) privilege (B) research
(C) range (D) demand
21. Doesn't it **intrigue** you?
(A) interest (B) embarrass
(C) appall (D) challenge
22. It **offends** me.
(A) allures (B) encourages
(C) suits (D) annoys
23. Arthur **shrugged**.
(A) got shocked
(B) showed interest
(C) showed indifference
(D) reacted strongly
24. Because it's **immoral**.
(A) unethical (B) unusual
(C) ethical (D) risky
25. **Impulsively** Norma picked up the card halves. (Board 2007)
(A) fortunately (B) probably
(C) knowingly (D) instinctively
26. Norma almost hung up but **restrained** herself.
(A) checked (B) pushed
(C) urged (D) enjoyed
27. I'm **curious**.
(A) indifferent (B) appalled
(C) inquisitive (D) uninterested
28. Norma **swallowed**.
(A) initiated (B) advanced
(C) idealized (D) hesitated
29. She made a **scoffing** sound.
(A) mocking (B) pleasing
(C) coughing (D) appreciative

30. That's **crazy**.
 (A) insane (B) smooth
 (C) sane (D) inquisitive
31. That is the **proposition**.
 (A) offer (B) problem
 (C) vision (D) investment
32. Norma **stiffened**.
 (A) relaxed (B) hardened
 (C) proposed (D) disconnected
33. She **glared at** the carton.
 (A) gazed at (B) relied on
 (C) picked up (D) looked for
34. Norma looked **disgusted**.
 (A) overjoyed (B) annoyed
 (C) satisfied (D) curious
35. Arthur looked **astounded**.
 (A) happy (B) disgraced
 (C) stunned (D) charming
36. If it's some old Chinese **peasant**.
 (A) representative (B) farmer
 (C) businessman (D) native
37. Norma **broke in**.
 (A) interrupted (B) enlightened
 (C) smashed (D) differed
38. Arthur stared at her, **appalled**.
 (A) emaciated (B) pleased
 (C) persuaded (D) terrified
39. She **shuddered**.
 (A) trembled (B) envied
 (C) paused (D) entrusted
40. Norma looked **offended**.
 (A) answerable (B) perverted
 (C) annoyed (D) challenged
41. She **gestured** vaguely.
 (A) motioned (B) maltreated
 (C) moved (D) motivated
42. She gestured **vaguely**.
 (A) viciously (B) harshly
 (C) unclearly (D) impulsively
43. His voice was **guarded**.
 (Board 2018)
 (A) loud (B) harsh
 (C) careless (D) cautious
44. He stared at her in **dismay**.
 (A) disappointment (B) confusion
 (C) thrill (D) curiosity
45. See if there would be **guilt**.
 (A) surprise (B) sense of sin
 (C) acceptance (D) fascination
46. See if there would be guilt, **anxiety**, whatever!
 (A) urgency (B) curiosity
 (C) worry (D) calmness
47. While she was **stacking** dishes, she turned abruptly.
 (A) washing (B) filling
 (C) piling up (D) breaking
48. She turned **abruptly**.
 (A) carelessly (B) slowly
 (C) casually (D) suddenly
49. **Ridiculous**, she thought.
 (A) absurd (B) marvellous
 (C) mysterious (D) incredible
50. All this **furor** over a meaningless button!
 (A) conjecture (B) uproar
 (C) calmness (D) ceremony
51. She made a **contemptuous** sound.
 (A) scornful (B) beautiful
 (C) faint (D) feeble
52. She remembered Arthur's life insurance policy with double **indemnity**.
 (A) compensation (B) prize
 (C) disadvantage (D) assurance
53. She struggled to her feet and walked into the kitchen **numbly**.
 (A) slowly (B) insensibly
 (C) hastily (D) steadily
54. She began to **smash** it.
 (A) discover (B) fasten
 (C) turn (D) break violently
55. She began to smash it, **pounding** it harder and harder.
 (A) hitting (B) binding
 (C) opening (D) fixing
56. She began to smash it, pounding it harder and harder until the wood **split**.
 (A) banged (B) broke
 (C) rattled (D) hit
57. Norma **whirled** with a gasp.
 (A) turned around (B) responded
 (C) numbed (D) yelled
58. Norma whirled with a **gasp**.
 (A) glass (B) gesture
 (C) movement (D) pant

59. Norma **stumbled** into the living-room.
 (A) staggered (B) stamped
 (C) scurried (D) entered
60. Arthur **turned off** the lamp. 'Good night' he said.
 (A) moved away (B) switched off
 (C) broke (D) brightened

(Board 2007)

61. He **tossed** the pieces onto the table.
 (A) passed (B) crew
 (C) crossed (D) threw
62. What is that **gadget** any way?
 (A) radio (B) T.V.
 (C) device (D) request

Answers

1. B	9. B	17. A	25. D	33. A	41. A	49. A	57. A
2. D	10. A	18. B	26. A	34. B	42. C	50. B	58. D
3. A	11. A	19. C	27. C	35. C	43. D	51. A	59. A
4. B	12. B	20. C	28. D	36. B	44. A	52. A	60. B
5. A	13. D	21. A	29. A	37. A	45. B	53. B	61. D
6. C	14. D	22. D	30. A	38. D	46. C	54. D	62. C
7. A	15. C	23. C	31. A	39. A	47. C	55. A	
8. A	16. D	24. A	32. B	40. C	48. D	56. B	

II. Choose the correct answer.

- Where did Norma put the lamb chops?
 (Board 2007)
 (A) in the oven (B) in the broiler
 (C) in the freezer (D) in the basket
- There was a small man
 (A) in the porch (B) in the room
 (C) at the door (D) in the hallway
- Where was the key to the bell-unit dome?
 (A) in the box
 (B) in the drawer
 (C) in the sealed envelope
 (D) in the pocket
- What was the reward for pushing the button?
 (A) \$25,000 (B) \$50,000
 (C) \$5,000 (D) \$2,500
- What was the question of Norma that made Mr. Steward embarrassed?
 (A) Where do you live?
 (B) How do you do?
 (C) What do you sell?
 (D) Who do you represent?
- What could have happened by pushing the button?
 (A) Somewhere in the world a bird would die
 (B) Someone would die in the neighbourhood
 (C) Some songs would be heard
 (D) Somewhere in the world some unknown person would die
- Why didn't Arthur agree to the offer of Mr. Steward for pushing the button?
 (A) He considered it a practical joke
 (B) He didn't rely on him
 (C) He didn't believe him
 (D) He considered death of some unknown person a murder
- Why was the offer of \$50,000 attractive for Norma?
 (A) She had a plan to improve her life
 (B) She felt no harm in helping someone to conduct a psychological research
 (C) She wanted to purchase a set of jewellery
 (D) She wanted to buy crockery.
- Who in Norma's opinion was the researcher?
 (A) a psychiatrist
 (B) a doctor
 (C) an eccentric millionaire
 (D) a murderer
- Why didn't Norma take the consent of her husband to comply with the instructions of Mr. Steward?
 (A) Because he couldn't understand the idea
 (B) Because he would share the offer
 (C) He considered it a murder
 (D) He was short tempered

11. Norma thought that Mr. Steward was
 - (A) a researcher
 - (B) a salesperson
 - (C) an insurance agent
 - (D) a psychiatrist
12. The carton sealed with tape was _____.
 - (A) double-shaped
 - (B) cube-shaped
 - (C) rectangular-shaped
 - (D) angular-shaped
13. When Norma turned the unit over, what did she see?
 - (A) an old piece of paper
 - (B) a new piece of paper
 - (C) a folded piece of paper
 - (D) a torn piece of paper
14. As Norma opened the door, what did Mr. Steward do as a mark of respect?
 - (A) removed his hat
 - (B) took off his coat
 - (C) pointed to his stick
 - (D) untied the knot of his tie
15. Mr. Steward said that the button unit could prove _____.
 - (A) valuable
 - (B) worthless
 - (C) interesting
 - (D) curious
16. Mr. Steward says the organization is of _____.
 - (A) great credibility
 - (B) international orientation
 - (C) international scope
 - (D) national scope
17. What did Arthur do with the card when Steward was gone?
 - (A) He tore it.
 - (B) He saved it.
 - (C) He discarded it.
 - (D) He burnt it.
18. Who, according to Norma, may be playing games with people?
 - (A) an insurance personnel
 - (B) a psychiatrist
 - (C) an eccentric millionaire
 - (D) an unknown person
19. According to Norma, what kind of project was it?
 - (A) a research project
 - (B) a project of international scope
 - (C) a practical joke
 - (D) an impossible proposition
20. Norma thought they wanted to study the reaction of _____.
 - (A) average people
 - (B) rich people
 - (C) normal people
 - (D) abnormal people
21. Where did she throw the button unit dome and key?
 - (A) into the alley
 - (B) into the wastebasket
 - (C) into the Kitchen
 - (D) into the pool
22. What did she feel as the voice informed her of the subway accident?
 - (A) She felt real.
 - (B) She felt unsubstantial.
 - (C) She felt unreal.
 - (D) She felt nervous.
23. What was the value of Arthur's life insurance policy with double indemnity?
 - (A) \$30,000
 - (B) \$25,000
 - (C) \$35,000
 - (D) \$50,000
24. What was inside the box?
 - (A) wires
 - (B) tubes
 - (C) transistors
 - (D) nothing
25. What covered the button unit?
 - (A) a piece of cloth (Board 2007)
 - (B) a paper
 - (C) a glass dome
 - (D) a metal dome
26. Who, according to Mr. Steward, will die when the button is pushed?
 - (A) an old Chinese peasant
 - (B) some unknown person
 - (C) a diseased native of the Congo
 - (D) no one
27. What did Norma do with the button unit after hearing the news of her husband's death?
 - (A) She threw it in the waste basket.
 - (B) She stared at it for a long time.
 - (C) She put it in the bottom cabinet.
 - (D) She smashed it on the sink edge.

Answers

1. B	5. D	9. C	13. C	17. A	21. B	25. C
2. D	6. D	10. C	14. A	18. C	22. C	26. B
3. C	7. D	11. B	15. A	19. A	23. D	27. D
4. B	8. A	12. B	16. C	20. A	24. D	

Questions from the Textbook

- ✓ Q.1 Why did Norma consider the tone and attitude of Mr. Steward offensive? (Board 2008)
 Ans. Norma considered the tone and attitude of Mr. Steward offensive because he was trying to be intimate with her and ignored formalities.
- ✓ Q.2 Why did Arthur disagree with his wife? (Board 2015)
 Ans. Arthur disagreed with his wife because he thought it was immoral to kill somebody for the sake of money.
- ✓ Q.3 Why did Norma try to persuade her husband to agree with her? (Board 2007)
 Ans. Norma wanted to persuade her husband in order to get \$50,000. This money could help them fulfill their dream of a better lifestyle.
- ✓ Q.4 What were the reasons Norma gave to her husband to accept the offer? (Board 2017)
 Ans. She claimed that it was only a research project and nobody would die. She also reasoned with her husband that there was no crime in killing an unknown person whose death they would not know about. She also said that this money could help them to improve their lives.
- ✓ Q.5 Why did Mr. Steward continue persuading Norma?
 Ans. Mr. Steward continued persuading Norma because he knew that she was curious and could easily be tempted.
- ✓ Q.6 What was the message Norma received on pushing the button? (Board 2014)
 Ans. Norma received a message from Lenox Hill Hospital. She was informed that her husband had died in a subway accident.
- ✓ Q.7 What is the significance of Arthur's life insurance policy? (Board 2016,17)
 Ans. Arthur's life insurance policy was for \$25,000 with double indemnity in case of his sudden death. The amount is significant because it was this amount that was promised by Mr. Steward and that Norma would receive as the insurance sum for pushing the button.
- ✓ Q.8 Did Norma remain normal on hearing the news of the accident of her husband?
 Ans. Norma did not remain normal. She felt unreal on hearing the news. She lost her temper. She shrieked and did not seem to breathe.

Additional Questions

- Q.9 What is the theme of 'Button, Button'?
 Ans. The story teaches that lust for wealth and power may prove destructive. It also teaches that mutual understanding guarantees happiness in marital life.
- Q.10 Draw a character sketch of Arthur.
 Ans. Arthur is a contented person. He has firm belief in social and moral values. He does his best to persuade his wife not to commit murder but fails.
- Q.11 Draw a character sketch of Norma.
 Ans. She represents greed and lust for wealth. She is overpowered by the dream of a better lifestyle. She pushes the button and becomes the cause of her husband's death.

Q.12 What was inside the button unit?

(Board 2007)

Ans. There was nothing inside the button unit. There was no transistor in the box, no wires or tubes. No nails or screws were visible. Norma could not see how it was put together.

Q.13 Why didn't Norma remain true to her husband?

Ans. Her dreams of a better lifestyle tempted her to push the button. She could not remain true to her husband, unknowingly. Lust for a luxurious life drew her away from her husband.

Q.14 What is the significance of the title "Button, Button"?

Ans. The title is significant as the whole story revolves around a button which can bring happiness if pushed. The button is expected to bring prosperity to the Lewis family. However, it proves disastrous, instead.

Q.15 On which place was the package lying? (Board 2018)

Ans. The package was lying by the front door of their apartment.

Punctuation Exercises

1) **Unsolved:**

it could prove very valuable he told her monetarily she challenged

Solved:

"It could prove very valuable," he told her. "Monetarily?" she challenged.

2) **Unsolved:**

they went into the living room and mr steward sat in normas chair inside here is a key to the bell-unit dome he said

Solved:

They went into the living room and Mr. Steward sat in Norma's chair. "Inside here is a key to the bell-unit dome," he said.

3) **Unsolved:**

is this a practical joke asked arthur not at all the offer is completely genuine you arent making sense arthur said you expect us to believe

Solved:

"Is this a practical joke?" asked Arthur. "Not at all. The offer is completely genuine." "You aren't making sense," Arthur said. "You expect us to believe-----"

4) **Unsolved:**

after arthur had returned to his book norma went back to the kitchen and finished washing the dishes why won't you talk about it norma asked

Solved:

After Arthur had returned to his book, Norma went back to the kitchen and finished washing the dishes. "Why won't you talk about it?" Norma asked.

5) **Unsolved:**

this is mrs lewis she said yes mrs lewis mr steward sounded pleased i m curious thats natural mr steward said

Solved:

"This is Mrs. Lewis," she said. "Yes, Mrs. Lewis," Mr. Steward sounded pleased. "I'm curious." That's natural," Mr. Steward said.

6) **Unsolved:**

nonetheless that is the proposition mr steward said would you like me to return the button unit

Solved:

"Nonetheless, that is the proposition," Mr. Steward said. "Would you like me to return the button unit?"

- 7) **Unsolved:**
 she shuddered all right take it easy she said why are you getting so upset its only talk
Solved:
 She shuddered. "All right, take it easy," she said. "Why are you getting so upset? It's only talk."
- 8) **Unsolved:**
 good he said im glad you did she refilled his cup wanted to show you im not she shrugged
Solved:
 "Good." He said. "I'm glad you did." She refilled his cup. "Wanted to show you I'm not---" she shrugged.
- 9) **Unsolved:**
 my dear lady mr steward said do you really think you knew your husband
Solved:
 "My dear lady," Mr. Steward said. "Do you really think you knew your husband?"
- 10) **Unsolved:**
 the package was lying by the front door a cubeshaped carton sealed with tape their name and address printed by hand mr and mrs arthur lewis 217e thirty seventh street new york 10016
Solved:
 The package was lying by the front door – a cube – shaped carton sealed with tape, their name and address printed by hand: "Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, 217-E, Thirty-seventh Street, New York, 10016".
- 11) **Unsolved:**
 norma turned back mr stewards tone had been offensive no i dont think so she replied it could prove very valuable he told her
Solved:
 Norma turned back. Mr. Steward's tone had been offensive. "No, I don't think so," she replied. "It could prove very valuable," he told her.
- 12) **Unsolved:**
 if you push the button mr steward told him somewhere in the world someone you dont know will die in return for which you will receive a payment of \$ 50000
Solved:
 "If you push the button," Mr. Steward told him, "somewhere in the world someone you don't know will die. In return for which you will receive a payment of \$ 50,000."
- 13) **Unsolved:** (Board 2011)
 mr steward looked embarrassed im afraid im not at liberty to tell you that he said however i assure you the organization is of international scope
Solved:
 Mr. Steward looked embarrassed. "I'm afraid I'm not at liberty to tell you that," he said. "However, I assure you, the organization is of international scope."
- 14) **Unsolved:**
 exactly that he answered it could be anyone all we guarantee is that you dont know them and of course that you wouldnt have to watch them die
Solved:
 "Exactly that," he answered. "It could be anyone. All we guarantee is that you don't know them. And, of course, that you wouldn't have to watch them die."

- 15) **Unsolved:**
all right suppose it is he looked incredulous what would you like to do get the button back and push it murder someone
Solved:
"All right, suppose it is?" He looked incredulous. "What would you like to do? Get the button back and push it? Murder someone?"
- 16) **Unsolved:**
the point is norma broke in if its someone youve never seen in your life and never will see someone whose death you dont even have to know about you still wouldnt push the button
Solved:
"The point is," Norma broke in, "if it's someone you've never seen in your life and never will see, someone whose death you don't even have to know about, you still wouldn't push the button?"
- 17) **Unsolved:**
after dinner arthur went into the living room before he left the table he said id rather not discuss it anymore if you dont mind
Solved:
After dinner, Arthur went into the living room. Before he left the table, he said, "I'd rather not discuss it anymore, if you don't mind."
- 18) **Unsolved:**
im saying that they are propably doing it for some research project she cut him off that they want to know what average people would do under such a circumstance
Solved:
"I'm saying that they're propably doing it for some research project!" she cut him off. "That they want to know what average people would do under such a circumstance!"
- 19) **Unsolved:**
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Solved:
"That they're just saying someone would die, in order to study reactions, see if there would be guilt, anxiety, whatever! You don't really think they'd kill somebody, do you?"