

1 – Anticipation :

What would be the ingredients of the "perfect murder"?

Put the following ideas into order of importance. (Add ideas of your own if you want to.)

- a) It should be easy to arrange.
- b) It should leave no clues.
- c) There should be no noise.
- d) It should look like suicide.
- e) It should take place in a lonely, isolated place.
- f) It should be cheap.
- g) No violence should be necessary.
- h) It should look like an accident.
- i) It should be quick.
- j) The murderer should have a good alibi.

2 – The setting of the short story :

Time of day // Day of week // Place

3 – The characters

Family Name	First Name	Job	Role in the Story	Other Details
Mr Maloney				
	Mary			
		Sergeant		
	Sam			
Other Characters?				

The detective team is composed of several members. How many? Name them when possible.

4 – Mrs Maloney' state of mind throughout the story :

Put in chronological order :

manipulating the grocer/ all of a sudden her mind became clear/ totally devoted to her husband/ trying to do everything right and natural/ manipulating her husband's colleagues/ rehearsed several times/ pretending she herself had imagined the whole thing.