



ABOUT YOU

Answer the question and talk about your ideas.

What's the best thing to do: A or B?

- 1 You hear someone in your house at night.
A call the police B go and see who it is
- 2 You go into your kitchen and find a burglar.
A run away as fast as you can B talk to the burglar
- 3 You see someone trying to steal a phone in a shop.
A tell the shop assistant B do nothing

Mr Postlethwaite is alone at home when he hears someone go into his office. He goes to see who it is and takes a gun. He finds a burglar. He shoots at the burglar but doesn't hit him. The burglar is angry and Mr Postlethwaite climbs a ladder he has in the room to the top of a tall bookshelf and sits on the top shelf.

- 1 Read the text. As you read, think about this question.
Do you think the burglar is dangerous? Why? / Why not?

Peace

George Calderon

BURGLAR: You shot at me!

POSTLETHWAITE: So? You made me afraid for my life.

BURGLAR: What about me, then?

POSTLETHWAITE: You're only a burglar; I'm a good **citizen**.

- 5 BURGLAR: Well, I'm not dangerous, I'm only careful ... yes careful ... (*he moves the ladder*). Now you stay up there, Mr Good Citizen while I search your things and see what's **valuable**.

POSTLETHWAITE: Aren't you **ashamed** of yourself to come to another person's house in the middle of the night and make him afraid for his life?

BURGLAR: I didn't come here to make you afraid. I simply came for things. I never wanted this. Why aren't you in bed at this time of night? I expect people to have a

- 15 **routine**. Were you waiting for me?

POSTLETHWAITE: No. I was invited out but I didn't go.

BURGLAR: Why not? What were you doing?

POSTLETHWAITE: I was preparing my **speech** for tomorrow.

- 20 BURGLAR: A speech!



POSTLETHWAITE: Yes – would you like to hear it? 'Ladies and Gentlemen, five minutes ago I had no idea this was going to happen ...'

BURGLAR: True.

- 25 POSTLETHWAITE: 'This high **position** is one I did not expect ...'

BURGLAR: Also true. Stop! I want to make a speech!

POSTLETHWAITE: What, do you make speeches?

BURGLAR: No, never. That's the problem. I'm a **politician**.

- 30 And I'm **useless** at making speeches!

POSTLETHWAITE: You! I thought you were a burglar.

BURGLAR: I am at night, but what do you think I do all day?

GLOSSARY

citizen	someone who lives in a particular town or city
valuable	something that could be sold for a lot of money
ashamed	a bad feeling because you did something wrong
routine	actions repeated at the same time each day
speech	a talk to a group of people
position	a place, or a job
politician	someone who works in politics
useless	very bad at something

