

A Fox Did It



(1) As a retired judge, Dudley Thomas takes security seriously. So when he awoke to find that an intruder had been in his house during the night, he knew that whoever did it had to be very smart.

(2) There was no sign of a break-in; the only possible point of entry was a partially open window 30ft off the ground. Indeed, the only evidence that a raider had been in the house was a gnarled shoe, a chewed up leather sofa – and a telltale smell. “A rat or cat could not have done it and there were no dogs in the house. I also don’t think it was an angry person I had dealt with in court. I noticed a fox smell, which confirmed my suspicion,” said Mr Thomas.

(3) Mr Thomas thinks that it must have slipped into the house after walking along a garden wall, scaling the balcony and climbing through a first-floor living room window. “I’m flabbergasted about its 3”, said Mr Thomas, who heard nothing during the night of the raid.

(4) “We see foxes around where we live all the time. A couple of months ago two baby girls were seriously injured by a fox that attacked them as they slept in their bedroom. We don’t have any small children in the house, but after recent incidents people might want to be careful about leaving windows open if they do.”

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- 1p 2 ‘A Fox Did It’ (titel)
→ Hoe weet Dudley Thomas dat de indringer een vos moet zijn geweest?
Geef antwoord in het Nederlands.
- 1p 3 Kies bij 3 in alinea 3 het juiste woord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A anxiety
 - B boldness
 - C clumsiness
 - D preference
- 1p 4 ‘if they do’ (paragraph 4)
‘They’ refers to people who
- A have young children
 - B leave windows open
 - C live in town
 - D see a fox in the house

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