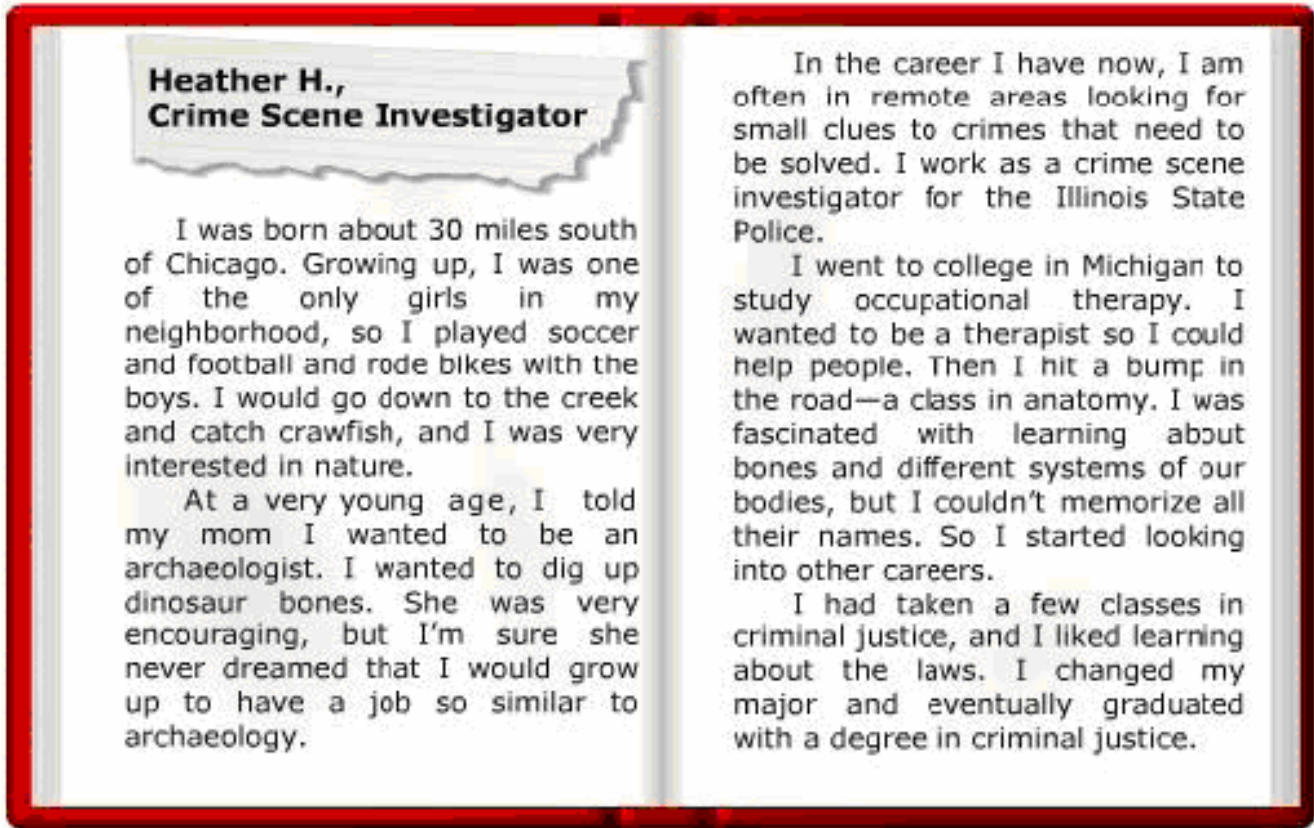


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UNIT 16: Heather H., Crime Scene Investigator



Heather H. drew the conclusion that she shouldn't keep studying to be an occupational therapist. She shares two facts about herself as a student. What are they?



What fact must she also have known about what occupational therapists need to understand?

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After college, I got a job working in a correctional facility in Michigan. I worked at that job at night. During the day, I was a security officer for a grocery store—one of the best jobs I've ever had. I walked around the store dressed in plain clothes and caught shoplifters.

Eventually, I moved to the Chicago area and got a job as a police dispatcher in the town where I grew up. During the day, I was substitute teaching. I would get out of school at 3:30 P.M., go home, put on my uniform, and then be a police dispatcher from 4:00 P.M. to midnight.

At the police department, I realized I wanted to be a state trooper.

I applied and then went through thirteen phases of testing. The first test was a written exam. It included math questions, English comprehension, and basic science. One of the exams was a test for colorblindness. As a police officer, you have to be able to say, "That red car was speeding."



Heather H. describes her job as a security officer as "one of the best." Would you feel that way about this job?



Think about the facts Heather H. presents regarding her early days in Chicago. Think about how you feel on a busy day. What inference can you make about Heather H. during this time?



Here's a "Right There" question for you to answer: "What types of tests do state troopers have to take?"

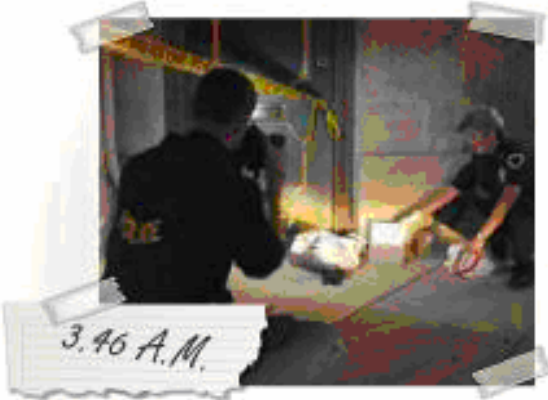
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I loved working in law enforcement. Every time I walked up to a car, I wondered what I was going to find. Once, a woman was having a baby on the side of the road. Another time, a car broke down, and inside was a group of clowns going to perform at the circus! As a state trooper, I had to be prepared for anything.

I eventually became a crime scene investigator, or CSI, for the state police. When any major crime occurs in my district, I am called to the scene. Some of the crimes I investigate are bank robberies, thefts, kidnappings, and assaults.

When I'm called to a crime scene, the first thing I do is speak to the detectives for a full report on the case.



Then, I photograph everything to record the exact condition of the scene, exactly as I found it. Next, I tag every bit of evidence with numbered markers, and I photograph everything again. The numbers help me keep track of the evidence throughout the investigation.



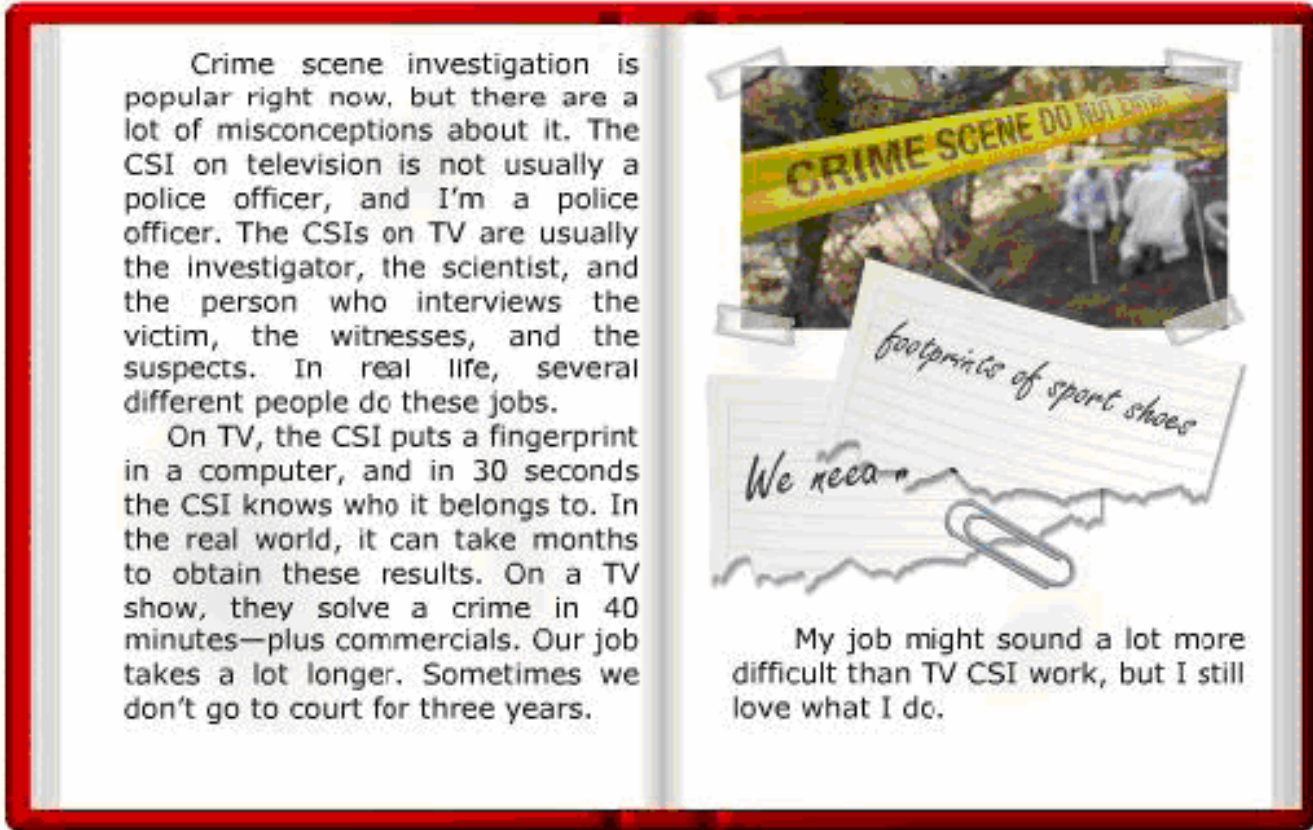
When you're reading long passages that explain how things are done, what helps you keep the facts straight?



Some people look for clue words for sequence or study pictures. What is helping you with this passage?

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Crime scene investigation is popular right now, but there are a lot of misconceptions about it. The CSI on television is not usually a police officer, and I'm a police officer. The CSIs on TV are usually the investigator, the scientist, and the person who interviews the victim, the witnesses, and the suspects. In real life, several different people do these jobs.

On TV, the CSI puts a fingerprint in a computer, and in 30 seconds the CSI knows who it belongs to. In the real world, it can take months to obtain these results. On a TV show, they solve a crime in 40 minutes—plus commercials. Our job takes a lot longer. Sometimes we don't go to court for three years.

CRIME SCENE DO NOT ENTER

footprints of sport shoes

We need

My job might sound a lot more difficult than TV CSI work, but I still love what I do.



If you couldn't find misconceptions in the dictionary, what other entry would you look under?



If you know what investigate means, which two words in this paragraph could you also figure out?



Think about the facts Heather H gives about the work of real CSIs and what you know about what makes TV shows popular. With those in mind, what inference can you make about why CSI television shows are written the way they are?
