

Formal	Informal

Task 1: Explain when you would use formal and when you would use informal language.

Task 2: Complex Sentences:

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Thieves snatch famous diamond in daylight robbery

By Jason Wilson Crime reporter

The Champagne Diamond, one of the world's most famous jewels, has been stolen from the London home of American movie star, Jasper Stone and his wife Serena Stone. Police described the morning's theft as a bold and daring day robbery.

Serena was to have worn the diamond at London's Royal International Film Awards ceremony at the Dorchester Hotel - where she is expected to win this year's Best Film Actress award.

The gem, which is set in a spectacular golden necklace got its name because of its pale champagne colour. It has been much sought after by the rich and famous since it was discovered in South Africa in 1905.

Jasper Stone bought it for his wife when they got married five years ago after it was put up for auction by the family of the legendary Hollywood leading lady, Gloria Brodwin, who died in 2000.

Mr Stone has described the theft as nothing more than a daylight robbery. He said that despite great security, thieves had managed to get inside the home and steal the diamond necklace in broad daylight.

Although some staff were in the house, the couple were not at home - they were being interviewed by the BBC for a preview programme about the Awards ceremony.

"I couldn't believe it when I heard that the diamond had been stolen," exclaimed Mr Stone.

"Serena is devastated. She doesn't normally bring her jewellery on our travels - particularly the precious Champagne Diamond necklace. Most of the time it is kept in our bank vaults in Hollywood. But because the Awards ceremony is such a prestigious event, and Serena had been nominated for an award, she wanted to wear it."

He added: "It must have been an inside job - I don't see how the thieves could possibly have got through our very tight security without help."

Chief Superintendent Andy Campbell, who is leading the investigation, said that the diamond had been kept under strict security in a hidden safe in the couple's bedroom. Only a few of the staff knew that the safe existed. He said he believes that the necklace was in Britain.

"We are currently following up the line that the thieves had inside help. We are interviewing all staff and checking all deliveries or calls to the house yesterday," said Chief Superintendent Campbell.

He added: "We are doing everything we can to try to recover the diamond. Luckily, the safe, setting, champagne colour and intricate cut mean it will be almost impossible for the thieves to sell it."

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SPAG: Appropriate language

GENRE: NEWSREPORT

occurred human error collision wreckage
 shock skidded injuries confirmed
 shaken terrifying disastrous escaped
 critical distraught unhurt rescue
 damage assistance witness bystander
 emergency minimal unconscious support
 fatalities first aider siren ambulance
 paramedic police hospital treated
 responsible
 detained incident spokes person



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- in a critical condition
- contact the police 'tip line' on...
- further information
- a spokes person for ...
- nothing like this has occurred ...
- a miraculous escape
- precautions will be taken in ..

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