

Appendix E: Example of a story followed by question with multiple clauses

Detective Sherry wants to catch the famous bad guy Evil Steve. Her boss, Detective David, comes to her office and says “Sherry, we have been told that Evil Steve is planning to steal the queen’s crown! It is on display at the museum, so be on your guard! Maybe you will catch him!” Meanwhile, Evil Steve really is planning to steal the queen’s crown, but he knows Detective Sherry will expect that, so he decides to trick her! He is going to *tell* Sherry that he will steal the queen’s diamond ring and that will distract her from the crown. Steve tries using his special TV machine to tell Sherry he’ll steal the ring, but it breaks. He can’t tell Sherry that way. Instead, Steve writes Sherry a letter. Sherry reads the letter and thinks the ring is in danger, so she goes to check on it, but when she gets there, the ring is fine. Sherry figures out that Steve was tricking her, so she goes to the museum where the crown is on display. She catches Evil Steve and the queen’s crown is safe.

Q: How did Evil Steve tell detective Sherry what he was going to steal?