

Task 1

Fill in the correct word.

maul premeditated lodgings gun barn stake stock blue to shoot to hack quicklime

1. As the sun set, the evening light is supposed to have turned _____ the colour of blood, giving it the reputation amongst the locals as a place of evil. (the barn)
2. Like the Marrs, they had been _____ and beaten to death. (hacked)
3. Then, using his keys, Maria went to his _____ and stole his valuables, including his _____ and share certificates. (lodgings; stock)
4. When constable reached the bedroom, he discovered the murder weapon, _____, leaning against a chair. (a maul)
5. There were groans and cheers and shouts as John Williams' body was lowered into a shallow grave at the centre of the crossroads, and then _____ was hammered through his heart. (a stake)
6. He was naked, he's been trussed up, he'd been tossed in _____ and his dead body was now _____. (quicklime; blue)
7. There were details to suggest that this was _____ crime. (a premeditated)
8. He claimed that he had _____ her in the eye by accident, and that _____ had gone off in his trembling hands. (shot; the gun)

Task 2

Match the characters with their descriptions to make sentences.

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