

The Cash Register Story

(Listening Exercise)

Read the story to the delegates twice, and then distribute the questions about the story for delegates to answer. OR read them out.

Provide the answers and debrief in full group. Main leaning points are that we hear what we expect to hear, and everyone interprets things differently.

The answers to the questions are:

Question 3 is false; Question 6 is true; the remainder are unknown.



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A businessman had just turned off the lights in the store when a man appeared and demanded money. The owner opened a cash register. The contents of the cash register were scooped up, and the man sped away. A member of the police force was notified promptly.

1. A man appeared after the owner and turned off his store lights

TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN

- 2. The robber was a man
- TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- 3. The man did not demand money
- TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- 4. The man who opened the cash register was the owner
- TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- 5. The store owner scooped up the contents and ran away
- TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- 6. Someone opened the cash register
- TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- After the man who demanded money scooped up the contents he ran away
 TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- While the cash register contained money the story does not say how much
 TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- 9. The robber demanded money from the owner
- TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN
- 10. The story concerns a series of events in which only 3 people are mentioned; the store owner, the man who demanded money and a member of the police force TRUE FALSE UNKNOWN