

## THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR (HAND OUT)

### True /false

1. **Ausable was very fat and he did not look like a secret agent.**
2. **Fowler saw a woman with a small automatic pistol in his hand across the room.**
3. **It was the police knocking at the door**
4. **Max was another secret agent who entered Ausable's room to get the report.**
5. **The police arrested Max .**

**Ans. 1) True 2) False 3) False 4)True 5) False**

### Question and answers

#### **1. Who was Ausable? Where was he staying?**

Ans: Ausable was a clever secret agent. He was staying on the sixth and top floor in a French Hotel.

#### **2. Who was Max? Why did he enter Ausable's hotel room?**

Ans: Max was another secret agent. He entered Ausable's hotel room to get an important report by force.

#### **3. What did Ausable tell Fowler about the report?**

Ans: Ausable told Fowler that he would see an important report concerning some new missiles.

#### **4. Who knocked at Ausable's room in the hotel?**

Ans. Henry, a waiter of the hotel knocked at his room in the hotel.

#### **5. How is Ausable different from other secret agents (in his appearance)?**

Ans: Ausable is a secret agent but he is very fat and not much tall. His accent is also not proper. He appears to be completely different from other secret agents.

## **6. Who is Fowler and what is his first authentic thrill of the day?**

Ans: Fowler a young and romantic writer had come to meet Ausable. He expected that he would encounter a romantic adventure. His **first authentic thrill of the day** came when he saw a man in Ausable's room pointing a pistol towards Ausable and himself.

## **7. How did Max got in?**

Ans: Max got in by using a passkey in Ausable's absence.

## **8. "Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read." What do secret agents in books and films look like, in your opinion?**

Answer: Secret agents in fiction are projected like ideal men, 'Tall dark and handsome'. They are usually well built and keep beautiful women for company. They would always smoke pipe or cigar and do death defying stunts. James Bond is a very famous character by Ian Fleming. Movies based on James Bond show hi-tech gizmos which assist the detective in countering villains.

## **9. How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room? Look back at his detailed description of it. What makes it a convincing story?**

**Answer:** Ausable creates a detailed description of how his office was part of a bigger apartment and how the next room had direct connection with the balcony. His statement that somebody else also broke into his office through that balcony made it a convincing story.