

# LESSON 33

## Reporting

### (i) A burglary

(Enter neighbour whose door bell has been rung.)

- Mr. Singh : You look worried. Any problem?  
Mr. Sharma : My house has been burgled.  
Mr. Singh : Have you called the police and lodged a complaint?  
Mr. Sharma : No, I'm still in a state of shock.  
Mr. Singh : Then I'll report it to the police immediately.

(Enter Police Inspector)

- Police : Who is the house owner?  
Mr. Sharma : I am. My house has been burgled.  
Police : When did you discover it?  
Mr. Sharma : After I got back from night duty around 6 a.m.  
Police : Was nobody home?  
Mr. Sharma : Nobody, sir.  
Police : Do not touch anything in the house. We must look for finger prints.  
Mr. Sharma : I have not touched anything.  
Police : Anything missing?  
Mr. Sharma : Yes Sir. An envelope with money in it. The locker was broken.  
Police : Other valuables, jewellery?  
Mr. Sharma : I'm checking with my wife who is out of station.  
Police : Alright, my men will be on the job.

#### Word/Phrase

1. burgled
2. lodged a complaint
3. finger prints
4. discover
5. valuables
6. jewellery
7. will be on the job

#### Meaning

- robbed  
reported  
marks made by a person's finger on a surface  
find out  
something having great value or price  
ornaments which you put on  
begin investigating

### (ii) A break in

On the telephone

- Officer : Rambagh Police Station. How can I help you?  
Ravi : Officer I'm calling from Vatika Kunj, Phase I, Apartment Number 201.

Officer : Yes.  
 Ravi : I can hear some strange noises from the apartment above mine.  
 Officer : Where are the occupants?  
 Ravi : They've gone on a holiday and won't be back till next week. They left the house keys with me.  
 Officer : Is there any suspicious movement around your building?  
 Ravi : I can see an unknown black car parked at the entrance of our block.  
 Officer : Keep a watch. We'll be there in no time.  
 Ravi : I'll do that.

*The police arrives*

Ravi : I'm Ravi. I made the phone call.  
 Officer : Where's the apartment?  
 Ravi : It's 301, located just above mine.  
 Officer : Come with me. Inspector, you wait downstairs and report immediately any untoward happening.

*In Apartment 301*

Officer : Open the door.  
 Mr. Gupta : Who's there? (opens the door)  
 Officer : It's the Police, hands up and don't move.  
 Mr. Gupta : What?  
 Ravi : Oh! Mr. Gupta it's you. Officer, this is Mr. Gupta, the occupant of the house. I thought it was a burglar. When did you get back?  
 Mr. Gupta : My leave got cancelled so we got back just a few hours ago. But what's all this?  
 Officer : You are lucky to have such a vigilant neighbour. Good night!  
 Ravi : Thank you Sir.  
 I'll explain the whole story to you Mr Gupta.

**Word/Phrase**

**Meaning**

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| 1. occupants  | residents                                |
| 2. suspicious | having a feeling that something is wrong |
| 3. in no time | very soon                                |
| 4. untoward   | unusual, unexpected                      |
| 5. burglar    | thief, intruder                          |
| 6. vigilant   | alert, watchful                          |

### *(iii) A fire*

- Rohit : Anand look up! Can you see smoke coming out from that tall building?  
Anand : Yes, I can see the flames. The building is on fire. Let's report it quickly!  
Rohit : There's a PCO booth at the end of the road.

#### *At the booth*

- Rohit : I'm calling to report a fire.  
Fire Station : Your name please?  
Rohit : Rohit Handa.  
Fire Station : What is the location of the fire?  
Rohit : It's on Station Road in the tall insurance office building near the traffic signals.  
Fire Station : This fire has already been reported. A fire brigade is on its way.

#### **Word**

1. flames
2. location

#### **Meaning**

- a hot bright stream of burning gas that comes from something that burns  
position, site, place