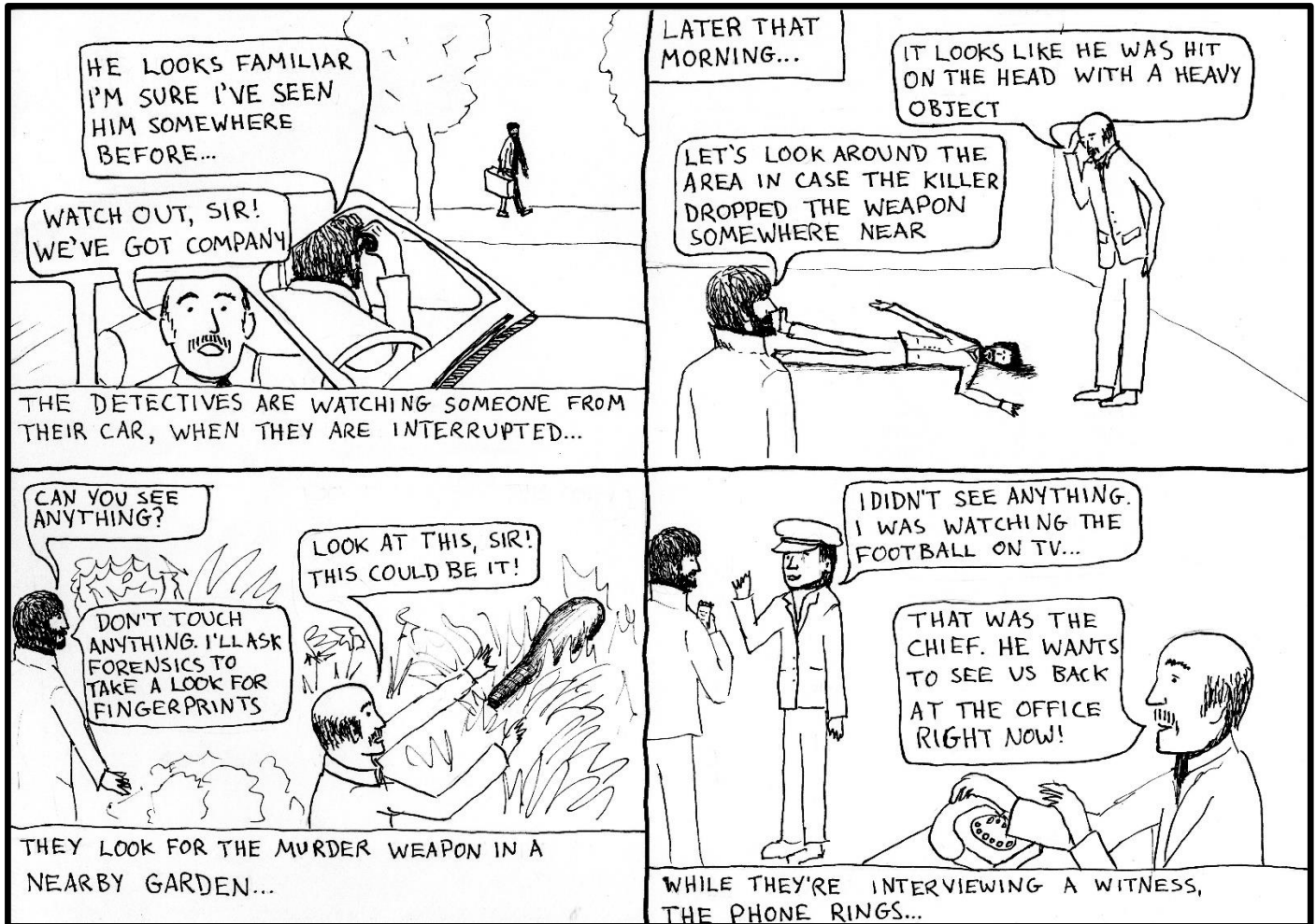


## Watching the Detectives

### Discussion

- ☞ There are many fictional detectives from books, TV and films. Can you name a few?
- ☞ What do you know about them?
- ☞ What qualities does a good detective need?

The story in the cartoon below is incomplete, but includes some typical (perhaps clichéd) scenes from a crime drama:



### Vocabulary

One important quality for a detective is to have good *observation skills*. What are observational skills? Can you explain how these are important in solving a case?

- Read through the text and identify all the phrases with verbs that relate to sight.

The verbs **see**, **look** and **watch** are all used. Do they have the same meaning? If not, how are they different?

The verb **look** can have different meanings according to the preposition which follows it. A *verb + preposition* is called a **phrasal verb** and there are lots of these in the English language.

- Compare the following phrases using **look** in the cartoon. Do they have the same meaning?

He looks familiar

Look at this, Sir!

It looks like he was hit on the head

to take a look for fingerprints.

Let's look around the area