



# Bank Robbery

*Mr. Benson has witnessed a bank robbery and is now informing the police about the event.*

witness (noun) = a person who has seen a crime

*Mr. Benson was a witness to a bank robbery.*

witness (verb) = see a crime happen

*Mr. Benson has witnessed a bank robbery.*

inform = give information to

event = happening; incident = what has happened

**Detective:** Could you describe the man who robbed the bank?

**Mr. Benson:** Let me see. He was tall, and had dark hair and a mustache.

detective = investigator

*Sherlock Holmes was a famous detective in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories.*

describe (verb) = to say or write what someone or something is like:

*Could you describe your attacker?*

*He described the painting in detail.*

*Let me describe (to you) how it happened.*

*She described Gary as shy.*

rob /rɑ:b/ = to take money or property illegally from a place, organization, or person, often using violence:

*The terrorists financed themselves by robbing banks.*

*My wallet's gone! I've been robbed!*

*They robbed the company of \$2 million.*

the man who robbed the bank = the man who stole money from the bank

robber = a thief who steals from a place like a bank

robbery = robbing a place

thief = a person who steals something

mustache US /'mʌs.tæʃ/ UK /mə'stɑ:ʃ/ (moustache in British English) = hair that a man grows above a man's upper lip:

*Groucho Marx had a thick, black mustache.*

**Detective:** Do you happen to remember what he was wearing by any chance?

**Mr. Benson:** Ummm... He had on a dark sweater, and I guess he was in his late thirties.

Do you happen to remember? = Do you remember?

**Point:**

If you want your question to be politer, you can use the expression “Do you happen to ...?”

*Do you know the answer to the question?*

*Do you happen to know the answer to the question?*

have sth on = wear sth

*He had on a dark sweater. = He had a dark sweater on. = He was wearing a dark sweater.*

**in his early thirties** = between the age of 30 and 33

**in his mid thirties** = between the age of 33 and 37

**in his late thirties** = between the age of 37 and 39

**Detective:** OK. Anything else that strikes you at the moment?

**Mr. Benson:** Well, he had a gun, and said he would kill us if we moved.

(Is there) anything else that strikes you? = Do you remember anything else?

at the moment = now

will => would

threaten (verb) = to tell someone that you will kill or hurt them or cause problems if they do not do what you want:

*They threatened the shopkeeper with a gun.*

*They threatened to kill him unless he did as they asked.*

*The bank robber threatened that he would kill the people if they moved.*

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**Mr. Benson:** No problem. I like to help the police whenever I can.

cooperate (verb) = assist, help

*Mr. Benson cooperated with the detective.*

cooperation (noun) = help, assistance

cooperative (adjective) = helpful

thank somebody = to express your gratitude (= thankfulness) to somebody

*The detective thanks Mr. Benson for his cooperation*

**Full Text:**

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**Sample Summary:**

The dialog is between Mr. Benson, a witness of a bank robbery, and a detective who is questioning him. Mr. Benson describes the robber as a tall man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a dark sweater and in his late thirties. He also mentions that the robber had a gun and threatened to kill anyone who moved. Mr. Benson expresses his willingness to help the police with the investigation.

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