

Food Fight!



DIRECTIONS: Read the story below. Then answer the questions.

When Detective Winnie arrived at the scene, everything was in disarray. Tables were overturned, chairs were splintered, broken dishes and food were scattered everywhere. “It looks like there was a fight,” said the restaurant’s proprietor, Mr. Sully. “Heck of a fight, too, from what I can tell.” “Maybe,” said Mr. Winnie. He walked slowly around the floor, looking closely down at the mess. He was deliberating. “Fifteen years I have owned this restaurant,” Mr. Sully said. “Fifteen years I have trusted the same general manager. But it was after hours. Why were so many people here, eating, after hours? It’s like the place was open, when it wasn’t.” “Maybe,” said Mr. Winnie. “And I guess no one even paid their check,” Mr. Sully went on, dismally. Mr. Winnie looked up. “Mr. Sully,” he announced. “This so-called ‘fight’ is nothing more than a red herring.” Mr. Sully looked at him in confusion. “I suggest you check your safe,” Mr. Winnie went on. I think you have been robbed. And the longer we stand here wondering about this mysterious dinner and ‘fight’, the more time the thief—I suspect your general manager—has to abscond with your hard-earned money.” “But...how do you know that the fight was a fake?” Mr. Sully demanded. “Because there are no footprints in the food,” Mr. Winnie said, simply. Mr. Sully looked around, flabbergasted. “So there aren’t!” “It’s as if someone tiptoed through here, knocking over tables and breaking chairs, but stepping around the mess carefully, so they wouldn’t get food on their shoes. If this had been a real fight, the food would have all been smeared everywhere!”

1. Which word is a synonym for *disarray*?

- a. dressed
- b. broken
- c. mess

2. As the *proprietor*, Mr. Sully _____ the restaurant.

- a. manages
- b. owns
- c. cleans

3. What is an antonym for *dismally*?

- a. cheerfully
- b. gloomily
- c. reluctantly

4. A *red herring* is something intended to be:

- a. eaten
- b. followed as a clue
- c. misleading or distracting

5. What does *abscond* mean?

- a. carry
- b. escape
- c. arrive

6. Mr. Sully is described as *flabbergasted* because:

- a. he is astonished
- b. he is angry
- c. he is disappointed