

## Not Guilty

Here is an explanation of the meanings of some words as they are used in the passage:

- 1- Guilty (adj.) x innocent
- 2- Tiresome (adj.) = annoying = irritating = boring
- 3- Professional (adj.) = well-trained = extremely skilled
- 4- Smuggler (n.) = a person who takes goods into or out of a country illegally
- 5- Trouble (v.) = worry = disturb = perturb
- 6- Return (v.) = come back
- 7- Abroad (adv.) = overseas
- 8- Recently (adv.) = lately = only a short time ago = not long ago
- 9- Particularly (adv.) = especially = more than usual
- 10- Officious (adj.) = bossy = eager to tell people what to do
- 11- Clearly (adv.) = obviously = evidently = manifestly = patently
- 12- Confidently (adv.) = with confidence
- 13- Unlock (v.) = open
- 14- Go through (v.) = examine = check
- 15- Soon (adv.) = quickly = in a short time
- 16- Dreadful (adj.) = awful = terrible = horrendous = horrific = horrible = very bad
- 17- Mess (n.) = untidy state = disorder = confusion = chaos = disarray = muddle
- 18- Light up (v.) = brighten = suddenly look happy
- 19- Tiny (adj.) = very small = teeny = tiddly
- 20- Bottom (n.) = the lowest or deepest part x top
- 21- Pounce (v.) = move suddenly in order to take something
- 22- Delight (n.) = great happiness = rapture
- 23- Sarcastically (adv.) = mockingly
- 24- Duty (n.) = tax
- 25- Exempt from duty (adj. ph.) = duty-free = tax-exempt = tax-free
- 26- Import (n.) x export
- 27- Expect (v.) = anticipate
- 28- Encouragingly (adv.) x discouragingly

- 29- Unscrew (v.) = undo by twisting or turning
- 30- Cap (n.) = lid = cover
- 31- Nostril (n.) = opening at the end of the nose
- 32- Unpleasant (adj.) = disagreeable
- 33- Convince (v.) = satisfy
- 34- A few = some
- 35- Precious (adj.) = valuable
- 36- Baggage (n.) = luggage

After we have read the passage and explained the meanings of some of the words in it, it is time to answer the comprehension questions. These are done below:

- 1- The writer had nothing to declare.
- 2- The customs officer made him open his suitcase.
- 3- He searched the case carefully.
- 4- He found a tiny bottle at the bottom.
- 5- He thought there was perfume in the bottle.
- 6- The writer told him the bottle contained hair oil.
- 7- The writer had made it himself.
- 8- The customs officer did not believe him.
- 9- The writer encouraged the officer to try it.
- 10- The disagreeable smell convinced the officer that the writer was telling the truth.
- 11- He let the writer pass through the customs.

Now our task is to link the sentences above so as to create a précis. Here is an attempt below:

As the writer had nothing to declare, the customs officer made him open his suitcase. Searching it carefully, he found a tiny bottle, which he thought contained perfume. Yet, the writer told him it was hair-oil, which he had made himself. When still the officer did not believe him, the writer encouraged him to try it. It was the disagreeable smell that finally convinced him that the writer was telling the truth, so he let him pass through the customs.

