

Read the mystery below to find evidence to identify the innocent and guilty suspects. Remember, the story and suspects' statements are true.

## The Big City Bicycle Thief

<sup>1</sup>Today at 12 p.m., the New York City Police arrested one of the suspects below for stealing a bicycle in front of a phone store between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. <sup>2</sup>Police were helped by three witnesses who gave them statements about what they saw. <sup>3</sup>Each suspect also gave the police a statement which is listed below. <sup>4</sup>After weighing all the evidence, the police arrested one of the suspects. <sup>5</sup>The suspect later confessed, and the bicycle was found in his apartment.

**Witness 1:** <sup>6</sup>He was younger than me. <sup>7</sup>He had a dark mustache. <sup>8</sup>His shirt was open at the neck and had a white stripe.

**Witness 2:** <sup>9</sup>When he looked to see if the bike was locked, I saw that he had a large, red scar across his cheek.

**Witness 3:** <sup>10</sup>The thief had dark facial hair. <sup>11</sup>I'm pretty sure his shirt was blue or green.



### Bob Veach

<sup>12</sup>I was in the city in the morning, but I walked home.

<sup>13</sup>I was surprised when the police car pulled me over for questioning. <sup>14</sup>I've never ridden a bicycle.



### Steve Berta

<sup>15</sup>I left the phone store shortly after 9:30 a.m. and went straight home and then straight to work until 5 p.m.

<sup>16</sup>At one point on my way back home, I looked back and saw the bicycle in front of the store.



### Sam Edwards

<sup>17</sup>I love to ride, but I rode to the area of the store and back on a bicycle.



### Kent Kitchel

<sup>18</sup>I rode out of the city just after 10 a.m. this morning.

<sup>19</sup>The police stopped me, and I gave them my statement.