



- 1 poisoned - vergiftet  
 2 (to) collapse - zusammenbrechen  
 3 case file - Fallakte  
 4 evidence - Beweis/e

CASE NO.	DATE	CLASS
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CASE NAME		
Poisoned <sup>1</sup> in paradise		
DETECTIVES		



Dear detectives,  
 there is a new case that you have to solve:

#### What happened?

- Benjamin Cooper was poisoned and died.
- He was having a drink at a bar when he suddenly collapsed<sup>2</sup>.
- The ambulance took him to the hospital where he died later.

In the case file<sup>3</sup> you'll find these documents:

- General information on the case
- Evidence<sup>4</sup>
- Statements
- (Language) support

#### Tasks

- Step I: All team members read the documents in the file.
- Step II: After you have read the case file: Discuss the case in your group (in English).
- Step III: Solve the case and fill out the document with the solutions on the last page of the file.
- Step IV: Present your results in class.





## a. General information on the case

### 1. Important facts

- Benjamin Cooper was poisoned<sup>5</sup> and died.
- He was having a drink with his friend Olivia Jonas at a bar when he suddenly collapsed<sup>6</sup>.
- He was brought to the Honolulu Hospital and died one hour later.
- Benjamin Cooper had moved to Hawaii a few months ago and worked at the *Hotel Kapiolani* as a receptionist.

### 2. Relevant pictures

a. The *BLUE SKY BAR*:



b. Benjamin Cooper:



### 3. When?

August 27, Mr. Cooper collapsed at the bar around 08:30 p.m. and died in the Honolulu Hospital at 09:34 p.m.

### 4. Where?

*Blue Sky Bar*, Honolulu Beach, Hawaii

### 5. Medical report by the Honolulu Hospital

- 5 poisoned - vergiftet
- 6 (to) collapse - zusammenbrechen
- 7 examined - untersucht/-e
- 8 cause of death - Todesursache
- 9 polonium - Polonium (ein giftiges und radioaktives chemisches Element)
- 10 a huge amount - eine große Menge
- 11 poison - Gift

<b>MEDICAL REPORT</b>		
<b>HONOLULU HOSPITAL</b>		
<b>EXAMINED PERSON:</b> Benjamin Cooper	<b>TIME OF DEATH:</b> August 27, 09:34 p.m.	
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH:</b> Benjamin Cooper was poisoned with polonium <sup>9</sup> .		
<b>MEDICAL TEST RESULTS:</b> There was a huge amount <sup>10</sup> of polonium in Mr. Cooper's body. The polonium was found in his stomach. This means that he must have taken the poison <sup>11</sup> with his food or a drink.		
<b>SIGNATURE:</b> 		





## b. Statements

### STATEMENT 1

Anthony Zander, receptionist at the Hotel Kapiolani and roommate<sup>12</sup>

I can't tell you much about Benjamin. I mean, he was my roommate, and we worked together, but we weren't friends. You should know that I'm a proud, white American man. And Benjamin was ... different. However, the last time I saw him was at work. I was starting work when he finished. He told me that he was going to go to the Blue Sky Bar that night and asked if I wanted to join him<sup>13</sup> so that we could get to know each other better. But I had to work at the hotel reception that night. I think he wasn't too disappointed. He told me that he would ask a good friend to come with him.



- 12 roommate - Mitbewohner/-in
- 13 (to) join sb. - jmd. begleiten
- 14 treasure - Schatz
- 15 (to) turn pale - blass werden
- 16 (to) collapse - zusammenbrechen
- 17 poison - Gift
- 18 bartender - Barkeeper/-in

### STATEMENT 2

Olivia Jonas, friend

I'm too sad to talk about this. Benjamin was a treasure<sup>14</sup>! We met at the Blue Sky Bar at 8 p.m. for a few drinks. I had a horrible day at work - I work at the local supermarket, and I hate it. But I was really looking forward to my date ... well, I mean to seeing Benjamin. He was such a great guy!

You know, he moved to Hawaii about five months ago and was happy to make new friends. At first, I thought there might be more than just friendship between us. But I was wrong about that. He wasn't interested in a relationship with me. But we spent a lot of time together anyway. He was an amazing person. I will miss him so much! After just a few sips of his drink, he suddenly went silent and turned pale<sup>15</sup>. Then, without a word, he collapsed<sup>16</sup>. I couldn't do anything to help him. (cries) It was poison<sup>17</sup>, wasn't it? But who would do that? The bartender<sup>18</sup>? His racist roommate? To be honest, I have no idea.





## STATEMENT 3

**Alana Smith, bartender**

First of all, this is not my fault! I definitely didn't put any poison into his drink! So, this man - Benjamin Cooper - came into the bar with a blonde woman. By the way, it was obvious<sup>19</sup> that she had a crush on him<sup>20</sup>. Well, those two were not in a good mood. That was clear. The woman seemed very angry. Benjamin tried to calm her down, but it didn't work. She called him an idiot. Then they ordered drinks. The woman ordered a white wine, and Benjamin ordered a gin tonic. I had to serve the other guests, so I couldn't watch them all the time. A few minutes later, the woman started screaming very loudly. When I turned around, Benjamin fell off his chair. I immediately called an ambulance. Well, if I had to make a guess, I'd take a closer look at the blonde woman. Broken hearts can do stupid things, right?



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- 19 obvious - offensichtlich
- 20 (to) have a crush on sb. - auf jmd. stehen
- 21 in person - persönlich
- 22 move - Umzug

### c. Evidence

#### 1. Chat between Olivia Jonas and Benjamin Cooper (found on Benjamin Cooper's phone)

August 27

Hey Benjamin, how are you? Have you thought about what I told you? 😊 OJ • 12:09 p.m.

Hey you, I'm OK, thanks. Yes, I've thought about what you told me. Maybe we should talk about that in person<sup>21</sup>. I'm at the Blue Sky Bar tonight. BC • 12:21 p.m.

Talking about it sounds lovely. 😊 What time does our date start? OJ • 12:35 p.m.

You're the funniest friend I have! 😂 Of course, it's not a real date - you know that. Is 8 p.m. okay? I can't come earlier because I'm helping a new friend with his move<sup>22</sup> this afternoon. But tonight, we'll have plenty of time to talk. Looking forward to it! BC • 12:49 p.m.

I'm not sure what's so funny. 😏 I thought our friendship was developing into something else. OJ • 01:14 p.m.

Come on, Olivia. You know I love you - as a friend. Let's talk about this at the bar. I hate texting about things like this. BC • 01:23 p.m.

We could be more than just friends! If you can't see that, you're making a big mistake that you'll regret! OJ • 01:27 p.m.

OK, now you're scaring me, Olly. Please, let's just talk about it tonight. BC • 02:02 p.m.

Alright. Maybe a good drink will help us. 😊 See you later. OJ • 02:10 p.m.



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32 to commit a crime -  
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**d. Solution to the case**

**Who committed the crime<sup>32</sup>?**

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**What was the motive of the crime?**

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**Who else had a motive? What is their alibi?**

NAME	MOTIVE	ALIBI

**Which clues helped you to solve the crime?**

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**Signatures of all investigating detectives:**

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## e. (Language) support

### 1) Useful sentences

- *In my opinion, the person who killed Benjamin Cooper is ... because ...*
- *I think that ... killed Benjamin because ...*
- *... cannot be the person who killed Benjamin because ...*
- *... had a motive because ....*
- *Another person with a motive is ... because ...*
- *Anthony's Instagram post tells us that ....*
- *The medical report tells us that ...*
- *The photos of the security cameras show that...*
- *The lexicon article shows that ...*
- *I agree/disagree with you because ...*

### 2) Useful questions

- *Who had a motive?*
- *Does ... have an alibi?*
- *What does the medical report tell us about the cause of death<sup>33</sup>?*
- *What can we learn from the chat between Olivia and Benjamin?*
- *What can we learn from the lexicon article about the symptoms of a poisoning with polonium?*
- *What is the anonymous<sup>34</sup> tip about?*
- *What do we know about Benjamin's past?*
- *How did Benjamin spend the afternoon on the day of his death?*
- *Who did Benjamin Cooper help to move<sup>35</sup>?*



33 cause of death -  
Todesursache

34 anonymous -  
anonym/geheim

35 (to) move -  
umziehen

