

ANSWER IN SENTENCES.

1. What does Mary Maloney do for her husband's home-coming?
2. What does this tell you about her relationship with him?
3. Pick out several points that build up the idea of a comfortable routine and a genuine looking forward to her husband's return.
4. What sort of things does she like about him?
5. What is the first sign that something is different that night?
6. What do they usually do on a Thursday night?
7. How does Mary react to her husband when he says he does not want to go out?
8. What is it that finally makes her frightened?
9. What do you think it was that Patrick told his wife? Explain why you think this?
10. What is her reaction to the news? What tells you this?
11. Do you think Mary *planned* to murder her husband with the leg of lamb?
12. Show from what is said why you think she did or did not.
13. She does not seem to care what happens to herself. What makes her decide to cover up the murder?
14. Explain in detail how she goes about covering up what she has done.
15. How clever do you think she is? Explain your answer.
16. What do the police do when they arrive?
17. How do you know that they are completely taken in by Mary?
18. What helps confirm her story?
19. How do you feel when you read the ending - where the police eat the murder weapon?
20. Explain why this murder could be classed as a 'perfect murder'.

