

Why would a person do this?

Activity

Based on **INSIDE OUT** *Resource Pack*

English **FOCUS**

Procedure

- 1 Write the following sentence on the board: *A man cut off his own leg with a knife.* Brainstorm as a class what situation the man could have been in, and why he might have cut off his own leg, e.g. He might have been trapped in a burning car after an accident so he must have cut off his leg to escape the flames.
- 2 Divide the class into small groups and present one situation at a time.
- 3 Ask the students to read the situations and make deductions in their groups about why the people involved might have acted in these ways. Circulate and monitor, helping with ideas and vocabulary as necessary.
- 4 Conduct a class feedback session. Encourage discussion between groups to explain why their explanations are the most plausible.

A forty-two-year-old woman inherited £10 million when her rich and famous parents suddenly died in a car crash.

The woman immediately donated all her inheritance to various charities and lived in poverty for the rest of her life.

A professional pilot committed suicide by deliberately crashing the plane he was flying into the sea. He killed 267 other people at the same time. The crash investigation team recovered the flight recorder from the crash site and discovered that the pilot had said a prayer moments before deciding to crash the plane.

A woman gave birth to a baby girl and abandoned her within days. She left her wrapped up and warm in a basket outside a hospital at 4 am. Nobody saw her do this.

There was a bottle of milk and a note in the basket. The note read: 'This is Rosie. Please look after her. Thank you.'

A woman wrote a best-selling novel. As soon as it was published she became a recluse, refusing all interviews or contact with the outside world. She never wrote another novel, nor did any other form of work for the rest of her life.

A world-famous footballer on a salary of £65,000 a week accepted financial bribes from a bookmaker to fix the results of certain matches.

A woman spent five years applying for her dream job as a journalist with a national newspaper. Every time her application was rejected. When she was finally given the job, she wrote a letter to the newspaper saying that she had decided not to accept it.