

## THE CIA JOB

### match the meanings:

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| 1. opening            | a) the opposite of wide                                 |
| 2. narrow (verb)      | b) without doubt, absolutely, certainly, unquestionably |
| 3. narrow (adjective) | c) not real bullets, so they can't do you any harm      |
| 4. definitely         | d) an open position (job) that you can apply for        |
| 5. blanks             | e) tighten, get smaller, the opposite of widen          |

A few months ago, there was an **opening** with the CIA for an **assassin**. These **highly classified positions** are hard to fill, and there's a lot of testing and **background checks** involved before you can even **be considered** for the **position**. After sending some **applicants** through the background checks, training and testing, they **narrowed** the **possible** choices down to two men and a woman, but only one position was **available**.

The day came for the final test to see which person would get the extremely **secretive** job. The CIA men **administering** the test took one of the men to a large metal door and **handed** him a gun. "We must know that you will follow our instructions **whatever** the **circumstances**," they explained. "Inside this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Take this gun and kill her." The man looked horrified and said, "You can't be serious! I could never shoot my wife!" "Well," said the CIA man, "you're **definitely** not the right man for this job then."

So they brought the second man to the same door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow instructions no matter what the circumstances," they explained to the second man. "Inside you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Take this gun and kill her." The second man looked a bit shocked, but **nevertheless** took the gun and went in the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes; then the door opened. The man came out of the room with tears in his eyes. "I tried to shoot her; I just couldn't **pull the trigger** and shoot my wife. I guess I'm not the right man for the job."

"No," the CIA man replied, "You don't have what **it takes**. Take your wife and go home."

Now they only had the woman left to test. They led her to the same door to the same room and handed her the same gun. "We must be sure that you will **follow** instructions no matter what the circumstances; this is your final test. Inside you will find your husband sitting in a chair. Take this gun and kill him." The woman took the gun and opened the door. Before the door even closed all the way, the CIA men heard the gun start firing, one shot after another for 13 shots. Then all **hell broke loose** in the room. They heard screaming and **banging** on the walls. This **went on** for several minutes; then all went quiet.

The door opened slowly, and there stood the woman. She **wiped** the **sweat** from her **brow** and said, "You guys didn't tell me the gun was **loaded** with **blanks**. I had to beat the son of a ... to death with the chair!"

### Find the words in the text that mean:

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| a) someone who kills politicians | i) situation                        |
| b) continued                     | j) keep to, stick to, abide by      |
| c) when you fire a gun you...    | k) hitting something with your fist |
| d) mysterious                    | l) job                              |
| e) free, open, unfilled          | m) clean, remove                    |
| f) managing, controlling         | n) opened                           |
| g) extremely, very               | o) however                          |
| h) no matter what                | p) gave                             |
|                                  | q) secret, confidential             |

### TRUE OR FALSE:

- The CIA had a list of at least three people who were qualified for the job.
- Only two candidates could be hired.
- The second man spent 6 minutes in the room.
- The first man couldn't pull the trigger.
- The woman shot her husband and he died.
- Thirteen shots could be heard after the woman entered the room.
- The job, this joke is talking about involves the work of spies.