

**tweed** – tkani-

na tweed

**gather**

– zbierać się

**taxi rank**

– postój

taksówek

**shift** – zmiana**space** – miejsce**neatly**

– starannie

**trimmed**

– przystrzyżony

**framed**

– oprawiony

**academic**

– uczony

**pick up**

– zabierać

**Silesian** – śląski**store away**

– przechowy-

wać

**be in a hurry**

– spieszyć się

**reappear**

– znów się

pojawić

**with a straight****face**

– z powagą

## 1

**NIGHT AFTER NIGHT**

he came in his **tweed** suit and sat amongst them. But, even after five years, they still only knew him as The Professor. The summer had been a hot one, and at the end of the long nights, they would **gather** on the two wooden benches beside the **taxi rank**, in the cool air. The **shift** was almost finished, and they discussed politics and the state of the country. But when The Professor arrived, the conversation turned to the books he was reading, or a philosophical idea that was on his mind.

One early August morning, as The Professor parked his old red Mercedes, the other drivers made a **space** for him in the middle of the bench. With his **neatly trimmed** beard and black-**framed** glasses, he looked just like one of the **academics** they sometimes **picked up** outside the **Silesian** University of Technology.

“Busy night?” one of the drivers asked.

“Very busy,” The Professor said. “Between passengers, I’ve been planning my next novel.”

They all smiled.

“Another one?” asked one of the drivers. “And when are the others going to be published?”

“It won’t be long,” The Professor said. “They’re **stored away** waiting for the right moment.”

“And when’s that going to be?”

“It’s hard to say. There’s a time and a place for everything. Kafka was 42 when he published his first book, Joyce was 49, and Umberto Eco 48.”

“And how old are you, Prof?”

“36. So I’m in no **hurry**.”

“And what’s your latest book about?”

“An enigmatic taxi driver who disappears and **reappears** years later as a successful writer,” said The Professor **with a straight face**.

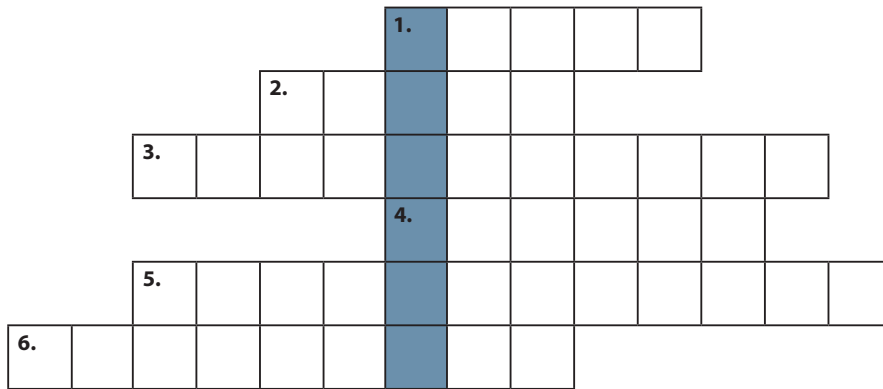
“It’s about you then?”

“I’d like to think so,” he said, suddenly laughing.

“And does it have a happy ending?”

“I haven’t decided yet,” said The Professor.

## 7. Solve the crossword.



1. The most common form of an HIV test is a ..... test.
2. Another word for “a background investigation” is “a background .....”.
3. When you form an idea about something without checking the facts, you jump to .....
4. to look for something
5. The phrase “put it on .....” is sometimes used when you want to turn on the loudspeaker.
6. in another way, alternatively

**PASSWORD:** .....

### 1. Complete the gaps with the words from the box.

reflectively	evasively	curiosity	desk	light
sleep	make	move	beat	judge
promising	started	Eureka moment		

1. The police sergeant on duty at a police station is called the ..... sergeant.
2. I can't make this decision right now, I have to ..... on it.
3. I'm intrigued by this man, he aroused my .....
4. The sprinter ..... his rival by two milliseconds.
5. We have to get ..... on the project. The break's over.
6. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Oh, nothing," he answered ..... , hiding his phone.
7. Reading ..... means searching for the deeper meanings in a text, not just understanding the facts.
8. Let's ..... on to the next subject and talk about the new book of this very ..... writer.
9. He wouldn't ..... a good ..... . He's too biased.
10. I was unable to solve this riddle for a long time but all of a sudden a ..... came on in my head – I experienced a .....

**just about** – ledwie  
**justification** – usprawiedliwienie, wytłumaczenie

**K**

**keen** – zapalony  
**keep sth to oneself** – zachować coś dla siebie  
**kneel down** – klękać

**L**

**lack** – brak  
**landlord** – właściciel domu  
**late** – zmarły  
**lean down** – pochylać się  
**let sb in on** – wtajemniczać kogoś w coś  
**let sb know** – poinformować kogoś  
**lid** – pokrywka, wieczko  
**life sentence** – dożywocie  
**lighten** – rozjaśniać (się)  
**likely** – prawdopodobny  
**line** – rząd  
**linger** – utrzymywać / przeciągać się  
**link** – łączyć; związek, powiązanie  
**local** – miejscowy  
**location** – miejsce  
**lock** – zamykać na klucz; zamek  
**log** – rejestrować, zapisywać  
**log fire** – kominek  
**lone** – samotny  
**long into the night** – do późnej nocy  
**long lost** – dawno utracony  
**long since** – już dawno  
**look into sth** – zająć się czymś  
**lounge** – leniuchować

**lower** – opuszczać

**M**

**main** – główny  
**mail, by ~** – pocztą  
**make a difference** – mieć znaczenie  
**make a profit** – odnosić korzyści  
**make an appointment** – umawiać się na spotkanie  
**make an early start** – wcześniej wyruszyć  
**make good...** – być dobrym...  
**make sense of** – zrozumieć  
**make sth of sth** – sądzić coś o czymś  
**make sure** – upewniać się  
**manhunt** – pościg  
**manslaughter** – nieumyślne spowodowanie śmierci  
**map out** – zaplanować  
**master** – pan, władca  
**match** – pasować do  
**master, as a ~ of fact** – w rzeczy samej, istotnie  
**measurement** – pomiar  
**meet one's end** – skończyć, umrzeć  
**mid-afternoon** – wczesne popołudnie  
**midday** – południe  
**mid-life crisis** – kryzys wieku średniego  
**might as well** – równie dobrze można  
**mining** – górnictwo; górniczy  
**miss** – przeoczyć  
**mixed up** – chaotyczny  
**modest** – skromny  
**mourning** – żałoba  
**move on** – iść dalej, zostawić przeszłość za sobą