

Unit 10 Mysteries

A Work with a partner. Read the facts about Jim Thompson. After each set of facts, speculate about the reasons for these facts and make notes. Use *may have/might have/could have/must have*.

The Mysterious Life of Jim Thompson: A True Story

1. Jim Thompson was an American. He worked as a spy for the United States government during World War II. After the war ended, he moved to Thailand and lived there for 22 years. **He must have loved Thailand. He . . .**

2. In Thailand, Thompson started a silk business. He worked with traditional Thai silk, and he worked to help artists who produced traditional Thai crafts.

3. He became very successful. He built a huge house in Bangkok in the traditional Thai style. In it, he had an extremely valuable collection of rare Thai art. Today, it's one of the most interesting museums in Bangkok.

4. In 1967, when he was 61 years old, Thompson went on vacation in a rainforest area in Malaysia called the Cameron Highlands. One Sunday afternoon, he went out for a walk—and disappeared. He was never seen again.

5. Thompson was a heavy smoker, but he was in good health. When he disappeared, he left his cigarettes and lighter behind.

6. The police searched for several weeks, but they never found his body or any of his possessions. The search was very difficult because it was a dense forest with no roads. Wild animals such as tigers lived there.

7. Six months after Thompson disappeared, his sister was murdered in her home in Chicago. The police said the crime was committed by burglars.

8. To this day, no one knows what happened to Jim Thompson.

B Work with another pair of students and compare your ideas. Try to agree on an explanation for the mystery.