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The case for the defence

*What we saw then was the end of the case. There wasn't a witness prepared to swear that it was the prisoner he'd seen. And the brother? He had his **alibi**, too; he was with his wife.*

*And so the man was acquitted for lack of evidence. But whether - if he did the murder and not his brother - he was punished or not, I don't know. That extraordinary day had an extraordinary end. I followed Mrs Salmon out of court and we got **wedged** in the crowd who were waiting, of course, for the twins. The police tried to drive the **crowd** away, but all they could do was keep the road-way clear for traffic. I learned later that they tried to get the twins to leave by a **back way**, but they wouldn't. One of them - no one knew which - said, 'I've been **acquitted**, haven't I?' and they walked bang out of the front entrance. Then it happened. I don't know how, though I was only six feet away. The crowd moved and somehow one of the twins got pushed on to the road right in front of a bus.*

*He gave a **squeal** like a rabbit and that was all; he was dead, his **skull** smashed just as Mrs Parker's had been. Divine vengeance? I wish I knew. There was the other Adams getting on his feet from beside the body and looking straight over at Mrs Salmon. He was crying, but whether he was the murderer or the innocent man nobody will ever be able to tell. But if you were Mrs Salmon, could you sleep at night?*

QUESTIONS

1. Vocabulary. Match words to definitions (1 points).

Alibi	Wedged	Crowd	Back way	Acquitted	Squeal	Skull
						Not found guilty.
						Stuck, unable to move or walk.
						High-pitched noise.
						Head bone.
						Evidence that a person was not there at the time of the crime

2. Answer the following questions according to the text (5 points)

a. What was Adams like?

b. What had Adams been accused of?
