The South End: the Red Fountain

TUESDAY · 8 CLUES · 6 GUESTS

The South End: the Red Fountain. 6 Seekers at the table, and Auntie wants to know who wrote to which tradesman. Each Seeker tells one truth and one lie.

🎯 One truth and one lie from each: untangle the grid

	Chandler	Farrier	Grocer	Ostler	Potter	Saddler
🧾 Kay						
🔨 Gwen						
🧶 Ida						
📜 Petra						
🌾 Rowan						
🔭 Wystan						

Mark each cell: ✗ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

📋 AUNTIE PEARL'S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

1. Ida didn't write to the grocer.

2. Wystan didn't write to the grocer.

🗣️ WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

3. 📜 *Petra says two things:* "I wrote to the farrier." "Ida wrote to the farrier." (one is true, one is false)

4. 🔭 *Wystan says two things:* "Petra didn't write to the potter." "Ida wrote to the ostler." (one is true, one is false)

5. 🌾 *Rowan says two things:* "Ida wrote to the chandler." "Petra wrote to the farrier." (one is true, one is false)

6. 🧶 *Ida says two things:* "Rowan wrote to the saddler." "Gwen wrote to the ostler." (one is true, one is false)

7. 🧾 *Kay says two things:* "Rowan wrote to the saddler." "Gwen wrote to the potter." (one is true, one is false)

8. 🔨 *Gwen says two things:* "Kay wrote to the potter." "Kay wrote to the ostler." (one is true, one is false)

Answer: The South End: the Red Fountain

🔔 A gentle day: no culprit. Full solution below.

	Chandler	Farrier	Grocer	Ostler	Potter	Saddler
🗒️ Kay	✗	✗	✗	●	✗	✗
🔨 Gwen	✗	✗	●	✗	✗	✗
🧶 Ida	✗	✗	✗	✗	●	✗
📜 Petra	✗	●	✗	✗	✗	✗
🌾 Rowan	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	●
🔭 Wystan	●	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Step-by-step proof

1. From clue 1: Ida didn't write to the grocer.
2. From clue 2: Wystan didn't write to the grocer.
3. Test Petra's statements (clue 3). If "Ida wrote to the farrier" were the true one and "Petra wrote to the farrier" the false one, clue 5 would be broken. So it is the other way round. Ida didn't write to the farrier and Petra wrote to the farrier. To see why, suppose it were so. Then: (1) From clue 4: Petra didn't write to the potter. That is where it breaks, so none of this is true of the real answer.
4. From clue 4: Ida didn't write to the ostler.
5. From clue 5: Ida didn't write to the chandler.
6. Only one possibility remains: Kay didn't write to the farrier, Gwen didn't write to the farrier, Rowan didn't write to the farrier, and Wystan didn't write to the farrier.
7. Test Ida's statements (clue 6). If "Gwen wrote to the ostler" were the true one and "Rowan wrote to the saddler" the false one, clue 7 would be broken. So it is the other way round. Gwen didn't write to the ostler and Rowan wrote to the saddler.
8. From clue 7: Gwen didn't write to the potter.
9. Only one possibility remains: Kay didn't write to the saddler, Gwen didn't write to the saddler, Ida wrote to the potter, and Wystan didn't write to the saddler.
10. Only one possibility remains: Kay didn't write to the potter and Wystan didn't write to the potter.
11. From clue 8: Kay wrote to the ostler.
12. Only one possibility remains: Gwen wrote to the grocer and Wystan wrote to the chandler.