

1. Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

baffle - break - book - outset - release

- a) The nature of black holes continues to \_\_\_\_\_ scientists.
- b) The police suspected from the \_\_\_\_\_ that the mafia leader had fled the country.
- c) There are hundreds of young musicians out there looking for their first \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) They decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the band for a charity show in Los Angeles.
- e) Simon has obtained early \_\_\_\_\_ from prison.

2. Who are these people?

- a) Dash Houdini: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Bess: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Martin Beck: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Dundas Slater: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Answer the questions according to the passage.

- a) What did Harry Houdini do in the early years of his magic career?

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- b) What was the difference between "The Brothers Houdini" and "The Houdinis"?

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- c) With which trick did Houdini interest Martin Beck?

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- d) Why was Houdini arrested in Scotland Yard?

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