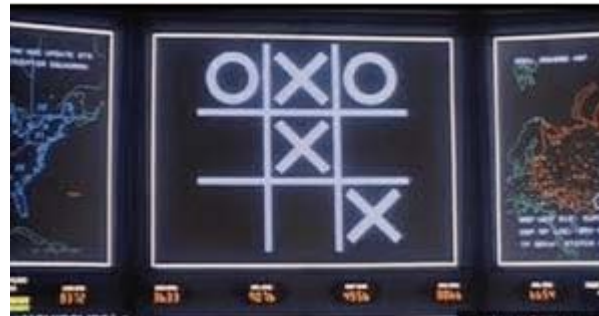


Chapter 7

THE OBJECTION CHALLENGE

“Shall we play a game?”



Chapter 7 – The Objection Challenge



My assumption is that after three years of law school you have at least a passing familiarity with the rules of evidence and can apply them practically. Let's test that theory. What follows is a question-and-answer, direct- and cross-examination session with a witness in a hypothetical murder case. Your role is not trial or defense counsel; rather, you are über-counsel, simply deciding whether a particular question (or answer) is objectionable and the basis for the objection. The focus is not on substance or strategy—don't ask yourself "should I object?" Ask yourself "is the question or answer reasonably objectionable?" I usually conduct the Challenge in a live setting where the participants are only allowed a second or two after the question (or answer) to decide whether they should object and, if so, the basis. In this format, the Challenge is self-paced, but I encourage you not to linger after reading the question (or answer) as you decide whether the question (or answer) is objectionable—the faster the better.



Patty Peacock

Scenario: On the night of 2 February there was a party at the palatial estate of Patty Peacock, a wealthy socialite and estranged wife of the mayor, Sam Peacock. Patty and Sam have lived apart for a number of years, but have not divorced. Patty supported Sam's opponent in the last election. Sam was at the party that night.

Sam's "secret" newest girlfriend is Stacey Scarlett, who also happens to be Patty Peacock's lifelong friend. Though a "secret," the relationship has recently been the main subject in the local rumor mill. Stacey Scarlett was at the party that night.

Professor Peter Plum was also at the party that night. He and Patty Peacock are in a relationship that has grown very serious ... in fact, they recently visited a lawyer to discuss moving the Peacock divorce forward—Patty also changed her will, insurance, and property holdings to now include Professor Plum as beneficiary.

The party was well attended and continued until early morning ... with alcohol flowing freely. During the party, all the relationships came to a head and there was much drama, yelling and screaming, and threats. At 2 a.m. the party came to an end and the guests began to leave—including Sam Peacock and Professor Plum. At approximately 2:10 a.m. there was a scream from a back bedroom and a number of the staff cleaning up the library and the kitchen ran to the other side of the house to investigate. They threw open the bedroom door and saw Stacey Scarlett sitting on the floor, holding the limp body of Patty Peacock—Patty had blood all over her head and was not moving, but it appeared that Patty was saying something to Stacey ... then Patty died.



Mayor Sam

The police investigated and determined that Patty had died from blunt-force trauma. Through scientific analysis they determined that she had been stuck by a pipe wrench, though a pipe wrench was never found. They did discover an unlocked tool box in the bed of Professor Plum's truck, but there was no pipe wrench in it. Stacey told the police that she heard the scream, came running and found Patty lying on the floor covered in blood; she scooped Patty up in her arms and tried to revive her; Patty

leaned in and whispered to her "it was him" ... and then died. Stacey said a side door to the bedroom was open and she saw a figure in the dark running away, someone about 5'10" tall and 170-190 pounds, but could not identify who it was—a description that matches both Sam Peacock and Professor Plum. A moment after seeing that person disappear she heard tires squeal and saw a truck leave the area at a high speed. She could only remember the first four numbers/letters of the license plate "1A43." Professor Plum's truck's license plate was "1A98 RRR."



Professor Plum

Professor Plum is accused of killing Patty Peacock with a pipe wrench in the bedroom.



Judge: "Government, call you first witness."
Government: "The United States calls Ms. Stacey Scarlett"



Stacey Scarlett

Q#1: Please tell us your name as told to you by your parents.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#1: My parents named me Stacey Joan Scarlett.

Q#2: What is it that you do for a living?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#2: I am an actress; and I also model.

Q#3: How much money do you earn as a model?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#3: I don't know for sure, enough to live comfortably.

Q#4: Can you tell us some of the movies that you have starred in and magazines that you have modeled for?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#4: There are too many to list, I've been very successful.

Q#5: Do you consider yourself to be a truthful person?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#5: Yes I do.

Q#6: Did you know Patty Peacock?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#6: Yes.

Q#7: What was your relationship with her?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#7: She was my friend for more than 20 years, we were best friends since high school.

Q#8: When was the last time you saw Patty Peacock alive?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#8: At a party at her house on 2 February.

Q#9: So you attended a party on 2 February at which the Accused brutally murdered Mrs Peacock?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#9: Yes, I was at the party.

Q#10: What time did you arrive at the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#10: I left work, drove over, and arrived at Patty's at about 8:30pm.

Q#11: Tell us everything that happened at the party

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#11: There was a lot.

Q#12: Well, can you describe the layout of Mrs. Peacock's house?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#12: Sure, it is a very large house all on one floor. The master bedroom is in the back left corner; the library is in the front right corner and the kitchen is adjacent to the library. There is a huge side yard outside the library and a large driveway/parking area on the other side of the house.

Q#13: How long did the party last?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#13: It ended at exactly 2am because that was Patty's rule.

Q#14: Do you know how many people attended the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#14: If not sure, I'd guess about 50.

Q#15: Do you know the Accused, Professor Plum?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#15: Yes, he's a liar and an evil person.

Q#16: When did you first meet the Accused, Professor Plum?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#16: I was one of his students at the University about 10 years ago, I first took a class from him and later became his assistant.

Q#17: Was your relationship with him ever more than professional?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#17: Yes, but it ended badly and I left the University to become an actress. I've hardly spoken to him since then.

Q#18: Did you have a sexual relationship with him to get better grades?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#18: Of course not.

Q#19: What was Professor Plum doing before he arrived at the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#19: I have no idea.

Q#20: Who else attended the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#20: Lots of community leaders and political types, including Patty's husband Mayor Peacock.

Q#21: Did anything interesting happen at the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#21: I don't know what you mean.

Q#22: Did you observe any interaction between Mrs. Peacock and the Accused during the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#22: I did.

Q#23: What did you observe?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#23: I saw them in the corner having a very animated conversation ... I could not hear it.

Q#24: Was Mrs. Peacock mad at Professor Plum during that conversation?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#24: Yes.

Q#25: How do you know that she was mad at Professor Plum during that conversation?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#25: Later she told me that she intended to end the relationship with him and that she had told him that and he called her a bunch of names and said she would regret that decision ... and that that made her mad at the time.

Q#26: Let me ask you this to clarify, when she told you this, what was her demeanor?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#26: She was calm, matter-of-fact about it; she laughed about it.

Q#27: So let me ask again, what did she tell you about her conversation with Professor Plum?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#27: Just like I said a minute ago.

Q#28: Did you observe Mrs. Peacock interact with her husband during the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#28: Yes, but I don't remember any specifics, only that I saw them talking a few times.

Q#29: How long have you known Mayor Peacock?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#29: About as long as I've known Patty.

Q#30: Are you and Mayor Peacock an item?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#30: That's none of your business.

Q#31: Where in the house was the party taking place?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#31: Mainly in the library, which is very very large, and for a while out on the deck just outside the library.

Q#32: What were you doing during the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#32: Same as everyone else, listening to the band, talking with friends, eating and drinking.

Q#33: What kind of drinking?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#33: Mixed drinks and wine ... there was an open bar and most everyone was taking advantage.

Q#34: How much did you have to drink that night?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#34: A lot, but I don't think I was drunk.

Q#35: Was Professor Plum drunk?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#35: I'm not sure what you mean.

Q#36: How much alcohol did you see Professor Plum drink that night?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#36: I don't remember.

Q#37: Were you able to observe him over the course of the night

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#37: Yes.

Q#38: Did he appear drunk to you?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#38: Probably.

Q#39: Were you able to interact with Mrs. Peacock during the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#39: Yes, we chatted now and again and she and I worked with the staff to ensure that the party was a success.

Q#40: Did you notice anything unusual about her demeanor that night?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#40: Yes, she seemed like very nervous all night.

Q#41: Was she afraid of the Accused, Professor Plum?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#41: I think so.

Q#42: Did she tell you that she was afraid of the Accused, Professor Plum?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#42: Yes she did.

Q#43: How did the party come to an end?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#43: Patty announced that it was 2 am and she was going to bed, she thanked everyone for coming and told them to drive safe.

Q#44: Did you see where she went?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#44: She left the library, I assume she went to her bedroom like she said she was going to do.

Q#45: Did you see Professor Plum leave?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#45: No.

Q#46: Where was Professor Plum at this point?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#46: I don't know.

Q#47: What was he doing?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#47: He was killing Patty.

Q#48: What did you do as everyone was starting to leave?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#48: I had told her that I would stay for a bit and make sure the staff was cleaning up the mess. About 10 minutes after everyone left I went to her bedroom to let her know I was going to leave.

Q#49: What happened next?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#49: I heard what I thought was a scream and then a door slam.

Q#50: What did you do?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#50: I continued to her bedroom and knocked on the door; there was no answer so I knocked again; when she didn't answer I opened the door and looked in.

Q#51: What was Professor Plum doing at this point?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#51: I can only guess.

Q#52: What did you see when you looked into the bedroom?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#52: The lights were on and I saw Patty laying on the floor and blood coming from some kind of head wound.

Q#53: From what you observed, tell us what was medically wrong with Mrs Peacock.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#53: I assumed she was bleeding to death.

Q#54: What else did you notice about the room?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#54: A side door to the bedroom was open.

Q#55: What else can you tell us?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#55: What do you mean?

Q#56: What did you do next?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#56: I rushed over, dropped to the floor and took her in my arms; I saw the cut on her head and pressed a towel that was laying nearby to stop the bleeding.

Q#57: How did Mrs Peacock receive that injury to her head?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#57: I assume Professor Plum did it.

Q#58: Looking through that open door, you saw Professor Plum running away.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#58: Yes.

Q#59: What happened next?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#59: Patty was trying to say something so I put my ear to her lips.

Q#60: What did she tell you?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#60: She whispered, "He killed me"; and then she died.

Q#61: Who was the "he" she was referring to?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#61: Clearly Professor Plum, the murderer.

Q#62: What effect did your best friend's death have on you?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#62: I've never recovered from losing her.

Q#63: What happened next?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#63: Some of the staff arrived at that moment and also at that moment I heard tires squeal and saw a truck leave the area at a high speed.

Q#64: Did you see the license plate number?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#64: Yes, part of it.

Q#65: What were the numbers you saw?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#65: I don't remember.

Q#66: Isn't it true that the numbers you saw were "1A43"?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#66: If you say so.

Q#67: Did you tell the police that the numbers you saw were "1A43"?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#67: If you say so.

Q#68: Is there anything that might refresh your memory about the license plate numbers that you saw?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#68: Yes, I wrote them down on a piece of paper and handed that paper to the police officers who came to the scene.

Q#69: Your Honor, Government offers Prosecution Exhibit 1 for Identification, the piece of paper, into evidence as Prosecution Exhibit 1.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#69: --

Q#70: On the other hand, Ms Scarlett, I am going to show you that piece of paper, now marked as Appellate Exhibit I, and ask you to look at it, read it silently to yourself, and then look up at me and I'll take it back

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#70: --

Q#71: Now that I've taken Appellate Exhibit I back from you, did looking at it refresh your memory about the license plate numbers that you saw?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#71: No.

Q#72: Your Honor, Government offers Prosecution Exhibit 1 for Identification, the piece of paper, into evidence as Prosecution Exhibit 1.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#: --

Q#73: On the other hand, Ms. Scarlett, did you write the license plate numbers down on the piece of paper when the memory of those numbers was fresh in your memory.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#73: Yes.

Q#74: Were the numbers correct when you wrote them down to your best recollection?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#74: Yes.

Q#75: Were the numbers you wrote down "1A43"?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#75: Yes.

Q#76: Your Honor, Government offers Prosecution Exhibit 1 for Identification, the piece of paper, into evidence as Prosecution Exhibit 1.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#76: --

Q#77: Let me move on to another issue ... while in the bedroom did you see anything that you believe may have been a murder weapon?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#77: I did not.

Q#78: So in your opinion, based on what you observed in the bedroom, how was Mrs. Peacock killed?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#78: Professor Plum killed her with a bat.

Government: No further questions your Honor.

Judge: Defense Counsel, do you wish to question this witness?

Defense Counsel: Yes, your Honor.

Q#79: You previously testified under oath that you are a model, correct?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#: Correct.

Q#80: You are also a Wiccan right, you follow that religion?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#80: Yes, so?

Q#81: But someday you hope to become a lawyer?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#81: Maybe, I don't know.

Q#82: That night, Mrs. Peacock did confront you about being in a relationship with her husband, Mayor Peacock?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#82: We talked about it.

Q#83: Come on, that's a lie, you argued about it.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#83: We talked about it.

Q#84: So if Colonel U.S. Mustard comes in to court and says he saw you two arguing loudly he would be lying?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#84: Yes.

Q#85: Let me ask that another way, you know Colonel U.S. Mustard, correct?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#85: Yes.

Q#86: You appeared in a movie together last year.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#86: Yes.

Q#87: You would describe your relationship as friendly but not necessarily friends.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#87: Yes.

Q#88: No animosity between the two of you.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#88: No.

Q#89: He was at the party.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#89: Yes.

Q#90: You know that he is not a drinker.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#90: No he's not.

Q#91: You are not aware of any motive he would have to fabricate testimony against you.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#91: No I am not.

Q#92: You were drinking at the party.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#92: Yes.

Q#93: In fact, you drank a lot that night.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#93: I don't know what you mean by a lot.

Q#94: You're an alcoholic.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#94: No!

Q#95: When you drink, it effects your behavior, correct?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#95: I don't think so.

Q#96: Scientific studies say that people don't think as clearly when they have had too much alcohol to drink.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#96: If you say so.

Q#97: Have you ever drank so much alcohol that you don't remember what happened while you were drinking?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#97: No.

Q#98: It's true that when you drink you feel less inhibited.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#98: Maybe to a small degree.

Q#99: It's true that when you drink you are quicker to anger.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#99: No.

Q#100: It's true that on the Fourth of July last year, while drinking at a party at Mrs Peacock's home, that you were asked to leave because you had gotten into a heated argument with another guest.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#100: I left for my own safety

Q#101: Isn't it true that you confessed to your psychotherapist that you killed Mrs Peacock?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#101: Absolutely not!

Q#102: Mrs Peacock and Mayor Peacock are married.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#102: Yes.

Q#103: But you were in a relationship with Mayor Peacock.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#103: Yes.

Q#104: In fact, when we say you were in a relationship, you were having sex with him on a regular basis.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#104: We were in an adult relationship.

Q#105: You were trying to keep that relationship a secret.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#105: Yes.

Q#106: In fact, you and Mayor Peacock talked that night at the party and he told you to keep the relationship a secret.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#106: I don't recall.

Q#107: Regardless, you wanted that relationship to continue.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#107: Yes.

Q#108: And Mrs. Peacock threatened to expose it to the world

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#108: No she did not.

Q#109: Well that's convenient, she's dead so she can't refute your lies.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#109: You're crazy.

Q#110: You agree that Mrs. Peacock left the party exactly at 2 am and went to her room.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#110: Yes

Q#111: According to your testimony you found her lying on the floor at 2:10 am.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#111: Yes.

Q#112: So you had 10 minutes in which you could have killed her and hid the murder weapon.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#112: No.

Q#113: You've been in trouble with the law before.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#113: What do you mean?

Q#114: Twelve years ago you were arrested for shoplifting.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#114: Yes.

Q#115: And when you were in junior high school you were arrested for punching a classmate.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#115: Yes.

Q#116: You were interviewed by the police after they arrived at the scene.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#116: Yes.

Q#117: You told the police that you did not know who you saw running away from the bedroom.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#117: I don't think so, it was him.

Q#118: You know that the official police report directly contradicts your description of the events that occurred at the party?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#118: I doubt that.

Q#119: Your testimony a few minutes ago on direct was that you saw Professor Plum running from the bedroom.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#119: Yes.

Q#120: So that is your under oath testimony about what you saw that night?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#120: Yes.

Q#121: That's what you believe you saw.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#121: Yes.

Q#122: You remember giving a statement to the police that night about what happened.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#122: Yes.

Q#123: They told you it was important that you tell them everything you saw.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#123: Yes.

Q#124: And to be truthful.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#124: Yes.

Q#125: You were truthful.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#125: I was tired, I was upset.

Q#126: You didn't lie.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#126: No I did not lie.

Q#127: The night of the crime, immediately thereafter when the events were freshest in your mind, you told them "I saw a figure in the dark running away, someone about 5'10" tall and 170-190 pounds but could not identify who it was."

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#127: I saw Professor Plum, I'm sure it was him.

Q#128: Not my question, did you speak those words to the police that night?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#128: Can I see my statement?

Q#129: Is it your testimony now that you do not recall what you told the police on that night?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#129: Yes.

Q#130: Your Honor, the Defense offers Defense Exhibit A for Identification, the witness' statement to police on 3 February which the Government provided to us, as Defense Ex A.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#130: --

Q#131: You made another statement to police about your involvement in the events of 2 February, correct?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#131: When?

Q#132: After your polygraph examination you gave another statement.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#132: No, I just answered the same questions.

Q#133: It's true that you are a violent person?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#133: No

Q#134: You were married and once hit your spouse and told him you were going to kill him.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#134: No, that never happened.

Q#135: Two weeks after your friend's death you were working on a comedy movie.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#135: Yes.

Q#136: Mrs. Peacock didn't know she was going to die when she allegedly whispered in your ear.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#136: I think she did.

Q#137: Your testimony on direct a few minutes ago was that she said "He killed me."

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#137: Yes.

Q#138: I want you to read the highlighted portion of Defense Exhibit A out loud.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#138: "Patty leaned in and whispered to me "it was him."

Q#139: You were the only one who heard this alleged statement.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#139: Yes.

Q#140: Even then she didn't name her killer, assuming it wasn't you.

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#140: I guess now that I look at my statement.

Q#141: In fact, she didn't even use the word "killed."

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#141: I guess.

Q#142: Why did you kill your friend Patty Peacock?

OBJECTION: YES NO BASIS: _____

A#142: I didn't.

Whew! Good job. Or was it??? At the end of this Compendium, after the Glossary, you will find Appendix A with an Answer Key. Check your answers against mine. You may have more objections than I did; you may have less. You may have objected to a question on different grounds. I may be right, you may wrong; you may be right, I may be wrong. The destination, however, is not as important as the journey. The skill the Challenge is supposed to sharpen is not your knowledge of the rules of evidence. Rather, the skill being sharpened is your ability to apply that pre-existing knowledge to "real-world" questions (and answers) and recognize questions (and answers) that are objectionable, even if you are not totally sure why.

