

giant moving sale /3/ syracuse + giant moving sale /4/ the thief one-word fill-out ... bee's knees english

_____ how we represented our _____ in a _____ ad that we _____ in *The Syracuse Post-Standard*. "**GIANT MOVING SALE** Old & New! All nice! Kitchenware, furniture, milkglass, _____ more!" You probably _____ what milkglass is. I will tell you, just a bit later.

A month or _____ before our sale, the local newspaper, a publication that came in _____ when I _____ our dishes in it, _____ a _____ of articles _____ **You Know You've Lived in Syracuse Too Long When...** Each article _____ at least a hundred reader-submitted indicators of _____ if you'd lived in Syracuse for too long. Most of them were describing _____ people, and places that had happened, passed _____ or been _____ down long before we entered the _____.

For _____ if you remember when the movie house that _____ to be on James Street (not the _____ that's there now, the other one) had those **cardboard popcorn cartons** that were colored red on the inside instead of _____ old white, you know you've lived in Syracuse too long. I _____ but only _____. Anyway, Monique and I had one _____ too-long-in-Syracuse shock when we recognized **the woman who stole a piece of jewelry** while we weren't looking and _____ away.

Our sale was _____ to start at eight, but at least an hour before that, people were _____ around on our lawn. Some were sitting on **the hoods of their cars**, smoking. Some were trying to decide _____ it was a better strategy to _____ the front or the side door. This was around seven, and these people were _____ **antique dealers or junk-shop owners**. It's hard to _____ the difference _____ that hour. Either _____ they must have been dealers of some _____.

I had _____ counted _____ an **hour of peace** and waiting _____ before the first rush. _____ I already felt my patience _____ I put the first few boxes on the lawn, the pros _____ picked _____ them, and **Monique collected the money**. _____ was _____ light out. I could _____ out shapes of people, but no details. The dealers _____ up most of **Monique's milkglass**, some of _____ she had _____ up _____ the years at yard sales, some of which her mom _____ bought for her.

The thief arrived just _____ we were _____ from the initial wave of professional sale-goers. **The thief** was _____ older woman who we'd seen _____ town at a bunch of church _____ and library book sales. At one of the booksales we went to she _____ in front of us and about a half a _____ other people waiting _____ the church to open its doors. She just _____ up to **the front of the line** and then stood there clutching her purse and chewing. When she showed _____ our sale, I remembered the _____ she had stood at the church, looking at the locked door inches in front of her face, and pretending to _____ every _____ one of us standing behind her, looking at the back of her head.