

Dead Man's Folly

Agatha Christie

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Part 2 (Chapters 4–6)

1 Comprehension

Where does the first clue in the Murder Hunt take you? Choose the correct picture.

A



B



C



2 Listening

In Part 2, Poirot asks Mrs Folliat:

'Madame, may I carry this home for you?'

Mrs Folliat replies:

'...that's very kind. I live in the Lodge by the front gate.'

As they walk, Mrs Folliat tells Poirot something about her and Hattie Stubbs. Complete the sentences below with the words in the box. Then listen to their conversation again on pages 21 and 22 to check your answers.

fond success looked after Italy clever businessman Paris persuaded money charge happily kind

- 'Hattie is a good child.'
It was not an answer he had expected. Mrs Folliat continued: 'I know her very well, you see. I _____ her for a while.'
- 'Hattie was at school in _____ and so was suddenly left without any close relatives.'
- 'I became in _____ of her.'
- 'My younger son, who had been out in Kenya, came back, joined the Army and was killed in _____.'
- 'I went over to Paris to meet Hattie and that's where we got to know each other. We lived there very _____ as mother and daughter until she married.'
- 'I became very _____ of Hattie – especially, perhaps, because she didn't have the ability to look after herself.'

- 'Hattie is not very _____ Monsieur Poirot. It's very easy to influence her.'
- 'It was good that she had no _____.'
- 'Sir George is a successful _____,' said Mrs Folliat,
- 'but he's _____ as well as very rich.'
- 'I'm very grateful about that, because I admit I _____ her to accept him.'
- If the marriage had not been a _____ ...'
Her voice shook.

3 Listening

At the quay, Poirot meets a *very old man with weak red eyes*. The ferryman remembers a lot about the Folliat and Nasse House. Listen to their conversation, Chapter 5, pages 23–25. Choose which sentence best fits the story he tells Poirot: A or B.

- A** He was head gardener at Nasse House.
B His son was head gardener at Nasse House.
- A** Old Squire Folliat didn't like sailing.
B Old Squire Folliat liked sailing.
- A** The squire's son spent a lot of money on horses and drinking.
B The squire's son was a good businessman.
- A** Mrs Folliat was married to the squire.
B Mrs Folliat was married to the squire's son.
- A** Mrs Folliat especially loves the house.
B Mrs Folliat especially loves the garden.
- A** Mrs Folliat's oldest son, Henry, gave her a lot of trouble.
B Mrs Folliat's younger son, James, gave her a lot of trouble.
- A** The ferryman thinks Hattie Stubbs is very intelligent.
B The ferryman thinks Hattie Stubbs is polite and friendly.
- A** The folly looks silly hidden in the trees.
B The folly looks attractive hidden in the trees.
- A** There will always be Folliat's at Nasse House.
B It's a shame there won't be any more Folliat's at Nasse House.
- A** The Folliat's are smart people.
B The Folliat's are stupid people.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Part 3 (Chapters 7–10)

1 Comprehension

Before she died, Marlene Tucker wrote a letter to a friend telling her about the Murder Hunt, but she made **five** mistakes. Underline and rewrite them.

Dear Rachel,
I'm so excited! I've been chosen to be the murderer in the Murder Hunt at the fete at Hoodown Park.
Mrs Masterton was going to be the victim, but now she's going to be judging the fancy dress competition instead. I have to wait in the folly until someone finds me. Are you jealous?
Marlene

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

2 Grammar

Complete the questions Inspector Bland asks the people at Nasse House. Use the words in the box.

Is	Who	Why	Can	Was	What time
Did	What	How many	Haven't		

- 1 _____ people are at the fete?
- 2 _____ do you think did it?
- 3 _____ were you at the boathouse?
- 4 _____ you meet anybody or see anyone near the boathouse?
- 5 _____ there anything you know about this girl that could help us?
- 6 _____ you tell me if there is anyone who had any reason to hurt Marlene?
- 7 _____ did you mean, Mrs Oliver, by "the man in the yacht"?
- 8 _____ Lady Stubbs there when de Sousa arrived?
- 9 _____ you seen her yet?
- 10 _____ was she so afraid of seeing him?

3 Comprehension

Can you put these events on the day of the murder in order (1–10) for Inspector Bland?

- ___ a Lady Stubbs went to lie down in her room with a headache.
- ___ b Poirot and Mrs Oliver went to the boathouse.
- ___ c Hattie Stubbs received a letter from her cousin Etienne de Sousa.
- ___ d Miss Brewis took Marlene Tucker a drink and some cakes.
- ___ e Etienne de Sousa arrived.
- ___ f The fete began.
- ___ g The police searched the grounds for Lady Stubbs.
- ___ h Two backpackers tried to walk through the gardens.
- ___ i There was a children's fancy dress competition.
- ___ j Inspector Bland arrived.

 **4 Listening**

Listen again to the conversation between Inspector Bland, Miss Brewis and Sir George in Chapter 9, pages 48 and 49 and answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Sir George upset?
.....
- 2 What does Inspector Bland suggest to Miss Brewis may have happened to Lady Stubbs?
.....
- 3 What does Miss Brewis think Lady Stubbs is pretending?
.....
- 4 What does Miss Brewis think Lady Stubbs has done?
.....
- 5 Who does Sir George think should have noticed that Lady Stubbs had really disappeared?
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- 6 What reason does Sir George Stubbs give to support Miss Brewis's idea?
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Part 4 (Chapters 11–14)

1 Comprehension

Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Can you correct the false ones?

- 1 ___ Hattie Stubbs was killed on the day of the fete.
.....
- 2 ___ Marlene Tucker was Old Merdell's granddaughter.
.....
- 3 ___ Old Merdell knew that Sir George was really Mrs Folliat's younger son.
.....
- 4 ___ Hattie Stubbs' body was buried under the summerhouse.
.....
- 5 ___ Mrs Folliat didn't know that Hattie was dead.
.....
- 6 ___ Sir George was already married when he married Hattie.
.....
- 7 ___ Sir George's real wife pretended to be Hattie.
.....
- 8 ___ Sir George killed Marlene and Old Merdell because Old Merdell had told Marlene who Sir George really was.
.....

2 Grammar

In Chapter 14, Poirot explains to Mrs Folliat how Sir George's wife pretended to be both an Italian backpacker and Lady Stubbs at the same time in order to kill Marlene. Complete what he says with the prepositions in the box.

in in on on to by through

She had left a rucksack there with a change of clothes – I found a round mark ¹_____ the floor which, I now realise, was from this rucksack. She took the rucksack, went ²_____ the woods ³_____ the boathouse, called to Marlene to let her ⁴_____, and strangled her. She changed her clothes and make-up, and packed the dress and shoes in her rucksack. Soon afterwards, dressed as the Italian student from the youth hostel, she joined her Dutch friend ⁵_____ the lawn, and left with her ⁶_____ the local bus. I suspect she is ⁷_____ London now.

3 Grammar

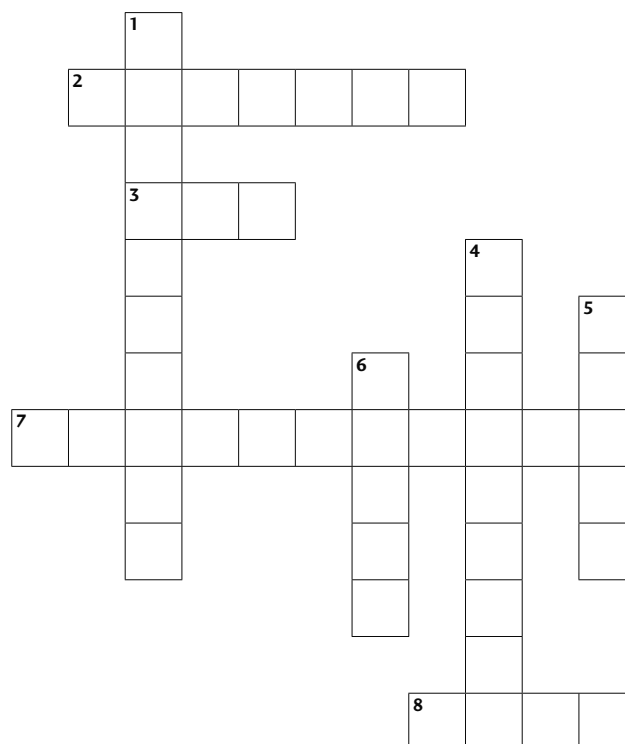
Can you find and underline the adverb in each of these sentences from Part 4? Then use the words in the box to write what type of adverb each one is.

- 1 On the day of the fete, you told me very clearly that Hattie was dead. _____
- 2 You said: "Hattie was never like that!" _____
- 3 Soon afterwards, dressed as the Italian student from the youth hostel, she joined her Dutch friend on the lawn. _____
- 4 I think, Madame, that you were very fond of poor Hattie Stubbs. _____

degree manner time frequency

4 Vocabulary

Test your knowledge of the story by completing this crossword.



Across

- 2 The name of the girl who was murdered at the fete.
- 3 The murdered girl used to do this to get money.
- 7 A cheap place where young people stay when they are travelling in different countries.
- 8 An outdoor event that includes competitions and where home-made goods are sold.

Down

- 1 The place owned by Sir George Stubbs.
- 4 The place where Poirot and Mrs Oliver find the dead body of the Girl Guide.
- 5 The place where Poirot believes Hattie Stubbs' body is buried.
- 6 The place where Mrs Folliat lives.

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ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)

Part 1 (Chapters 1–3)

1 Vocabulary

- Lodge
- Quay
- Boathouse
- Summerhouse
- Folly
- Lawn

2 Comprehension

- the folly
- in the lodge
- in the boathouse
- on the lawn
- Hoodown Park
- at the viewing circle

3 Vocabulary

- fete
- motive
- victim
- treasure hunt
- weapon
- clue

4 Writing

- fete
- treasure hunt
- clue
- victim
- weapon
- motive

5 Comprehension

- F – Mrs Oliver doesn't pay Poirot to come to Devon.
- T
- F – Mrs Oliver doesn't know who is really going to be murdered.
- F – Poirot doesn't think that Mrs Oliver is a fool.
- T
- F – Sally Legge is going to do the fortune-telling.

Part 2 (Chapters 4–6)

1 Comprehension

A

2 Listening

- looked after
- Paris
- charge
- Italy
- happily
- fond

- clever
- money
- businessman
- kind
- persuaded
- success

3 Listening

- B 6 B
- B 7 B
- A 8 A
- B 9 A
- B 10 A

Part 3 (Chapters 7–10)

1 Comprehension

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I'm so excited! I've been chosen to be the <u>murderer</u> in the Murder Hunt at the fete at <u>Hoodown Park</u> . <u>Mrs Masterton</u> was going to be the victim, but now she's going to be <u>judging the fancy dress competition</u> instead. I have to wait in the <u>folly</u> until someone finds me. Are you jealous?
Marlene

- victim
- Nasse House
- Mrs Legge
- in the fortune-telling tent
- boathouse

2 Grammar

- How many
- Who
- What time
- Did
- Is
- Can
- What
- Was
- Haven't
- Why

3 Comprehension

- c
- a
- h
- f
- i
- d
- e

- b
- j
- g

4 Listening

- Because Lady Stubbs (his wife) has disappeared.
- She may have been murdered too.
- She thinks she's pretending to not be able to do things for herself.
- Miss Brewis
- walked off
- She might be avoiding her cousin (Etienne de Sousa).

Part 4 (Chapters 11–14)

1 Comprehension

- F – Hattie Stubbs was killed on the night the Stubbs first came to Nasse House.
- T
- T
- F – It was buried under the folly.
- F – Mrs Folliat did know that the real Hattie was dead.
- T
- T
- T

2 Grammar

- on
- through
- to
- in
- on
- by
- in

3 Grammar

- clearly – manner
- never – frequency
- Soon afterwards – time
- very – degree

4 Vocabulary

