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PART I: Read the paragraph and answer the questions:



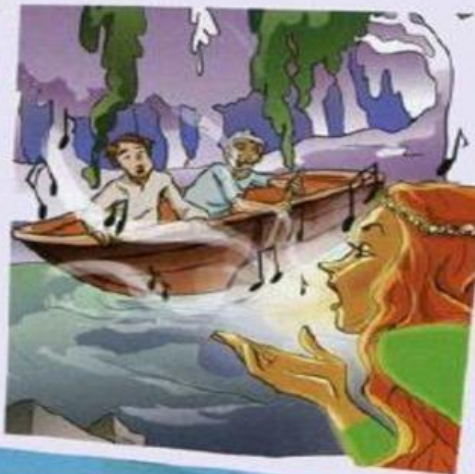
Bolster the Giant

Bolster was so big that with one step he could travel six miles from hilltop to hilltop! He lived in Cornwall on the tip of England and terrified the locals, stealing sheep and even eating people. One day, though, he fell in love with a young girl called Agnes and asked her to marry him. Agnes didn't want to, so she tried to think of a way to get rid of him for good. She asked him to do **dangerous** things to win her love but nothing worked, so she had one last idea. She asked him to fill up a hole in a nearby cliff with his blood. Bolster agreed. After all, how much giant's blood does it take to fill a **small** hole? The hole, though, led down into the sea. All his blood ran into the sea and that was the end of the **evil** giant. This is a very **popular** legend in Cornwall. Locals say you can still see a red stain on the cliffs at Chapel Porth!

- 1 Because he was so big, Bolster could
- 2 He lived in
- 3 He loved Agnes so he
- 4 He died after he lost
- 5 The mermaid lara appeared to a man in
- 6 She pulled the man
- 7 Today, people sometimes hear

Lara the mermaid

In Brazil, the locals tell the myth of the mermaid Lara who lives in the Amazon River. One night, a young man dreamed of a beautiful woman singing a sad song. The next day, he went fishing with his father and saw the woman from his dream in a hut floating on the water. She sang to him and he went to her. Too late, the man's father saw that the woman had the long tail of a pink dolphin. She grabbed the young man and dived into the water with him. His father never saw him again. To this day, the locals still say that they sometimes see the mermaid swimming deep in the water. And when they hear the sad song of the mermaid Lara, they lock their doors and stay far away from the river!



- a) Use words/phrases from the **Check these words** box in the correct form to complete the sentences.

Check these words

legend, terrifying, mysterious, tales, step, hilltop, tip, terrify, steal, fall in love, get rid of, for good, win, fill up, hole, cliff, blood, lead down, be the end of, stain, hut, float, grab, dive, to this day, deep, lock, far away

- 1 People say unicorns live in forests
from humans.
- 2 The sea monster the boy and
took him to the bottom of the ocean.
- 3 The dragon the people of
the village when it flew down from the sky!
- 4 The story of Bolster the giant is a very well-known
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- 5 Agnes thought of a plan to
..... the giant forever.
- 6 People their doors and stay
inside when the mermaid lara sings!

The Vanishing Smile...

The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci is probably the most famous painting in the world. A star attraction at the Louvre Museum in Paris, her famous smile continues to inspire! However, did you know that a thief once stole the Mona Lisa from the museum and caused an international scandal?

The Mystery:

7 am, 21st August, 1911 and just another Monday morning at the Louvre. Guards, cleaning staff, maintenance workers and curators were all working in the building before reopening its doors to the public on Tuesday. While they were working, though, at some time between 7 and 8:30 am, someone entered the empty Salon Carré, unhooked the Mona Lisa from the wall and carried it off down a stairwell. The stairs led to a door, locked from the outside, but somehow, the thief escaped through it. At first, museum workers **assumed** that the official photographer was shooting pictures of the painting in his **studio**. An afternoon

and evening passed by and it wasn't until the following day that they **realised** the precious artwork was missing. It was the beginning of a huge international search for the missing Mona Lisa. The only **clue** was the discovery of the painting's heavy frame **discarded** on the stairs. There were conflicting **rumours** in the newspapers; the Mona Lisa was now in Switzerland, South America, or in a small apartment in the Bronx, New York. No one knew who really **committed** the crime and how.

The Solution:

On that fateful Monday morning, an Italian man called Vincenzo Peruggia was hiding in a small room within the museum. Peruggia, once a worker at the Louvre, knew the building very well. The guard **on duty** in the Salon Carré **admitted** leaving his post for a few minutes at around 8 am. While the guard was away, Peruggia lifted the Mona Lisa from her four iron pegs, entered the stairwell, **removed** the painting's frame and hurried down the steps. Then, he unlocked the door and escaped from the museum. Peruggia hid the painting in his small Paris flat where it remained, in a cupboard, for over two years. Later, Peruggia took the Mona Lisa to Florence, Italy, and **attempted** to sell it. It was there, back in the Mona Lisa's hometown, that the police finally caught Peruggia.

Peruggia served a short prison sentence. He then went back to France and opened a paint shop in Haute-Savoie. And the Mona Lisa? After touring her Italian homeland, she returned to the Louvre museum, where she **resides** to this day, behind bulletproof glass, still smiling.



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- On a Monday, 21st August, 1911, the Louvre
A opened at 9 am. C opened at 7 am.
B was closed. D closed at 8:30 am.
- Museum workers found out the painting was missing
A later that morning. C on Monday evening.
B on Tuesday. D during the afternoon.
- Peruggia
A hid in the museum. C was the guard on duty.
B left his post. D was working at the museum.
- For over two years, Peruggia kept the painting
A at the museum. C in his home.
B flat. D in Florence.
- The police arrested him
A at his flat. C in Florence.
B in his hometown. D in Paris.

4 a) Complete the sentences with: *inspire, unhook, assume, admit, remove, hurry, attempt, reside, commit, catch* in the correct form.

- 1 The thief the frame from the painting so it was easier to carry.
- 2 The thief stealing the painting.
- 3 The police have no idea who the crime or why.
- 4 Leonardo da Vinci continues to artists even today.
- 5 The police set a trap to the thief.
- 6 The caretaker the painting from the wall for cleaning.
- 7 People shouldn't things, they should find out the truth.
- 8 We have to or we'll miss the bus!
- 9 The *Mona Lisa* in the Louvre Museum.
- 10 Thieves are often caught when they

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Grammar

Past continuous

- 5 Read the theory box. How do we form the *past continuous*? Find examples in the text.

We use the **past continuous**:

- for actions happening at a certain time in the past.
*He **was working** at 12 o'clock yesterday.*
- for two or more actions happening at the same time in the past (simultaneous actions).
*While he **was working**, she **was cleaning** the house.*
- to give background information in a story.
*That morning Peter **was walking** down the street. The wind **was howling** and it **was raining**.*

Time expressions used with the past continuous: while, as, at ... o'clock yesterday morning/evening etc.

6 Use the verbs in the list in the *past continuous* to complete the sentences.

• blow • shout • watch • read • look • shine
• wave

- 1 While he a book,
the lights went out.
- 2 They at the exhibits
when the fire alarm went off.
- 3 She her arms and
for help hoping someone would notice her.
- 4 you TV when
he called you?
- 5 The sun and a light
wind