

DETECTIVE CHALLENGE

Build it, use it, solve the crime!

Name: _____

Date: _____

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Step 1: Connect a **purple verb piece** to one or more **green particle pieces** to build a phrasal verb. Pieces can be used **as many times as you need**. **Step 2:** Write it in the gap in the **correct form** (tense, -ing, passive, infinitive...). All 20 phrasal verbs from Sets 9 & 10 are needed, each once. **Step 3:** Use the clues in the story to work out **who stole the necklace**.

VERB PIECES

point run show pass
report sort put sign
move set pick shut

PARTICLE PIECES

up with off back
away in down of
on out by

Lady Ashworth

Hotel owner. Her diamond necklace has vanished.

Max Bell

The chef. Says he drove to the village.

Clara Vance

Influencer with two million followers.

Mr Grant

Retired banker. Grumpy.

Dr Reyes

Elderly guest. Fainted at 10 p.m.

Tom

Young night porter. Very nervous.



The Vanishing Necklace of Ashworth Castle

Last spring, Lady Ashworth ¹ _____ a small luxury hotel in her family's old castle in Scotland. To celebrate, she wore the diamond necklace her husband had given her before he ² _____ the previous winter, and she invited five guests to dinner. By midnight, the necklace was gone.

The evening went wrong from the start. At 9:30, Max, the chef, announced that the kitchen had ³ _____ wine, so he grabbed his keys and – or so he said – ⁴ _____ for the village in his van. Meanwhile, Clara Vance spent the whole dinner ⁵ _____ her designer jewellery and talking about her followers. The other guests were clearly ⁶ _____ her arrogance. "I honestly don't know how Lady Ashworth can ⁷ _____ her," Mr Grant whispered.

Just before ten, the storm grew so violent that Tom had to ⁸ _____ the old generator, and the castle went completely dark. Seconds later there was a scream: Dr Reyes had ⁹ _____ on the library floor. Everyone rushed to help her – nobody was watching the hall, where Lady Ashworth had left the necklace in its velvet box.

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The next morning, Inspector Doyle ¹⁰ _____ at the castle, soaking wet. He tried to ¹¹ _____ to the police database on his laptop, but the internet was down. "We can't ¹² _____ the interviews until it comes back," he said. "First, let's ¹³ _____ the facts."

Mr Grant insisted he had stayed in his room all night, but the inspector ¹⁴ _____ that his shoes were covered in fresh mud. Grant admitted he had gone outside to smoke a cigar. "Fine," said Doyle. "Let's ¹⁵ _____." Clara laughed. "Why would I steal anything? I've just ¹⁶ _____ for a reality TV show – I'm going to be rich!" She then turned to Tom and ¹⁷ _____ him _____ in front of everyone, calling him "a useless boy who can't even keep the lights on." Poor Tom panicked and ¹⁸ _____ into the forest. The police found him an hour later, cold and crying.

Then Lady Ashworth mentioned something interesting: Dr Reyes had worked as an actress for ten years and had ¹⁹ _____ a lot of medical knowledge playing a nurse on TV. The inspector smiled and turned to his officers. "Search behind the stables, check the engine of Max's van, and ²⁰ _____ to me in ten minutes." They returned with two facts: the van's engine was ice cold, and the village shop closes at eight.



Case file: Who stole the necklace?

Name the thief (or thieves!) and explain your theory in 2–3 sentences, using at least **two** phrasal verbs from this page.
