

# The American Patient

## SECTION ONE

(up to **Helen:** *Take last Tuesday ...*)

### Down in the dumps

1 Watch > section one and answer the questions about Helen. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

a) Where is Helen?

at work ☐

in the café ☐

at home ☐

b) What is she doing?

making a call ☐

sending an SMS ☐

drinking an orange juice ☐

c) Jane is late. What is Helen's reaction?

She is angry. ☐

She starts crying. ☐

She doesn't mind. ☐

d) Who does Helen talk about first?

Simon ☐

Matt ☐

Jane ☐

e) How is she feeling?

hungry ☐

depressed ☐

angry ☐



## SECTION TWO

(up to Helen: ... someone else.)

### At the cinema

1 Watch > section two. Are these statements true (T) or false (F)?

a) Helen is waiting for Simon. ☐

b) Simon is on time. ☐

c) Helen's phone rings. ☐

d) They leave together. ☐

e) Helen is angry with Simon. ☐

2 What happened? Number the statements below in the right order 1 to 6. The first has been given.

a) ☐ Somebody telephoned Simon.

b) ☐ This situation has been happening a lot recently.

c) ☒ 1 She waited for more than half an hour outside the cinema.

d) ☐ She thinks he has another girlfriend.

e) ☐ The film started.

f) ☐ He arrived.

Now watch > and check.



3 Circle the correct verb tense to retell Helen's story.



Now watch > again and check.

I was waiting / had been waiting outside the cinema for over half an hour before he turned up / had turned up. I looked forward / was really looking forward to seeing this film but it had only just started / has only just started when his mobile had rung / rang. It has been / is like this for weeks ... I think he sees / is seeing someone else.

4 What do you think?

- Does Simon have another girlfriend? If not, why is he acting so strangely?



## SECTION THREE

(up to Bill: *Can you hear me?*)

### Doors and floors

- 1 Watch > the first part of section three (up to Jane: *I decided to have a shower*) and then note down 10 things in Jane and Ali's living-room.

1 ..... 6 .....  
2 ..... 7 .....  
3 ..... 8 .....  
4 ..... 9 .....  
5 ..... 10 .....

Now watch > again and check.

- 2 With sound only, listen > to the rest of section three. After Jane leaves the living-room, what do you think happened?



Check your predictions with a partner. Now watch > with pictures and sound to see what actually happened.

- 3 Now watch > again and fill in the spaces with the correct verb form.

After Jane ..... (tidy) the flat, she ..... (decide) to have a shower so she ..... (go) into the bathroom and ..... (close) the bathroom door. Bill ..... (come) down the stairs when he ..... (hear) a scream. He ..... (run) down the stairs and ..... (bang) on the door. The phone ..... (ring) so Jane ..... (come) out of the bathroom. As she ..... (run) to answer the phone, she ..... (stub) her toe and ..... (scream). Bill ..... (break) the door down and ..... (run) into the living-room where Jane ..... (lie) on the floor.



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## SECTION FOUR

(to the end of the episode)

### Sparks fly

1 Watch > the final section and answer the questions.

- a) How many times did Bill have to remind Jane to turn the electricity off?
- b) What happened when she was on her way to do this?
- c) What did she do next?
- d) Who did she talk to?
- e) What happened to Bill?



2 Now match these questions with the correct answer.

- a) Can you turn off the mains switch? ●
  - b) What are you up to? ●
  - c) Can we talk? ●
  - d) Shall I come and meet you there, say, in half an hour? ●
  - e) What is that stuff? ●
  - f) Is that the guy I saw you with last Sunday? ●
  - g) Is he your boyfriend? ●
  - h) And then what happened? ●
- No, ex-boyfriend.
  - Yeah.
  - Thanks, Jane.
  - It's a homeopathic cure.
  - Of course.
  - Er, yeah.
  - Nothing. I came here and left him to mend the door.
  - I'm standing outside Freud's and waiting for Simon.

Watch > again and check.



3 What do you think?

- Which story do you prefer? Why?
- What do you think will happen next ... to Helen and Simon? to Jane and Bill?

