THE MYSTERY[1] OF THE DIRTY CLASSROOM

MR BORROW, THE ENGLISH TEACHER, IS REALLY ANGRY. SOMEONE **MADE A BIG MESS**[2] IN HIS CLASSROOM. WHO DID IT? PARKER* POCKET, TEEN **DETECTIVE**[3], IS READY TO **SOLVE**[4] THE MYSTERY.

TASK 1 **THE SUSPECTS**[5]
Read the texts. Each person tells Parker what they know.

1 MR BORROW

EVERY DAY AFTER THEIR ENGLISH CLASS, THE STUDENTS GO TO LUNCH. I GO TO THE TEACHERS' ROOM FOR MY LUNCH AND TO PLAN THE ENGLISH CLUB. TODAY I ARRIVED IN THE CLASSROOM HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE START OF THE ENGLISH CLUB AND IT WAS ALL DIRTY! THERE WAS JAM AND WATER EVERYWHERE. THE **RUBBISH BIN**[6] WAS **UPSIDE DOWN**[7] AND ALL THE RUBBISH WAS EVERYWHERE. IT WAS PROBABLY ISAAC. HE ALWAYS MAKES A MESS. I'M CALLING HIS PARENTS!



2 KEIRA

WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO ME? I'M A PERFECT STUDENT. I HAVE PERFECT **MARKS**[8] IN ALL MY CLASSES. AFTER ENGLISH I GO TO LUNCH AND THEN I GO TO THE ART CLUB. TODAY WAS A NORMAL DAY FOR ME.



3 ISAAC

IT WASN'T ME! I HAVE ADHD* AND I FORGET THINGS A LOT. I MAKE MESSES SOMETIMES. BUT I'M REALLY TRYING. AFTER ENGLISH I WENT TO LUNCH, THEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE. I LEFT MY FOOTBALL CLOTHES IN MY **LOCKER**[9] AND I HAD TO GO AND GET THEM, SO I WAS A LITTLE LATE TO PRACTICE, BUT I DIDN'T GO IN THE CLASSROOM.



4 CALEB

AFTER THE ENGLISH CLASS I ALWAYS GO TO LUNCH, THEN TO FOOTBALL PRACTICE. I DIDN'T GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM TODAY. BUT ISAAC WAS LATE FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE. MAYBE HE DID IT.



5 RILEY

AFTER ENGLISH CLASS I ALWAYS GO TO LUNCH, THEN TO THE ART CLUB. EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL TODAY. OH, BUT KEIRA WAS LATE FOR THE ART CLUB, AND SHE WAS WEARING A DIFFERENT SHIRT. I DON'T KNOW WHY.



6 HANNAH

I WENT TO LUNCH, THEN I WENT TO THE COMPUTER CLUB. BUT... OK, I DID GO BACK TO THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM AT THE START OF THE COMPUTER CLUB. I FORGOT MY NOTEBOOK. AND THE CLASSROOM WAS ALREADY A BIG MESS! I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID. PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY. THAT'S EVERYTHING I KNOW. I DIDN'T DO IT!



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TASK 2 THE CLUES[10]

It's important to know what time the different clubs start and end. Read the information and write the times.

	Start	End
English Class		
Lunch		
Art Club		
Football Practice		
English Club		
Computer Club		

***LANGUAGE NOTE: UNISEX NAMES**

A unisex name is a name that can be for boys and girls. Is Parker Pocket a girl detective or a boy detective? You can choose.

- ✓ Lunch is half an hour long and starts at half past twelve.
- ✓ The English class is 90 minutes long and ends when lunch starts.
- ✓ Football practice is 90 minutes long and it starts half an hour after lunch ends.
- ✓ The English club is one hour long and it starts one hour after lunch ends.
- ✓ The art club is 45 minutes long and it starts half an hour before football practice.
- ✓ The computer club is one hour long and it starts fifteen minutes after the art club starts.

TASK 3 WHO DID IT?

Now you have all the information. Who made the mess in the English class? Write who you think did it and why. Then listen to CD Track 12 to find out exactly[11] what happened[12] and why.

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***GLOSSARY**

ADHD – attention deficit hyperactivity disorder = a **condition**[13] where someone can't choose what to **pay attention**[14] to and often can't **sit still**[15]

VOCABULARY

1 **mystery** [ˈmɪstərɪ] tajemství, záhada
2 **to make a mess** [mes] udělat nepořádek
3 **detective** [dɪˈtektɪv] detektiv
4 **to solve** [sɒlv] (vy)řešit
5 **suspect** [ˈsʌspekt] podezřelý
6 **rubbish bin** [ˈrʌbɪʃ ˌbɪn] odpadkový koš
7 **upside down** [ˌʌpsaɪd ˈdaʊn] vzhůru nohama
8 **mark** [mɑ:k] známka, hodnocení
9 **locker** [ˈlɒkə(r)] (uzamykatelná) skříňka
10 **clue** [klu:] nápověda, stopa
11 **exactly** [ɪgˈzæktlɪ] přesně
12 **to happen** [ˈhæpən] stát se
13 **condition** [kənˈdɪʃən] stav
14 **to pay attention** [əˈtenʃən] věnovat pozornost
15 **to sit still** – sedět v klidu
16 **accident** [ˈæksɪdənt] nehoda
17 **to drop** [drɒp] upustit
18 **sink** [sɪŋk] umyvadlo
19 **paper towel** [ˌpeɪpə ˈtaʊəl] papírový ručník
20 **to slip** [slɪp] uklouznout
21 **to get in trouble** [ˈtrʌbəl] dostat se do potíží
22 **truth** [tru:θ] pravda

in the Recording Scripts

→ Solutions in the TF and an extra exercise in TF – Activities

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