

THE MYSTERY¹ OF THE DIRTY CLASSROOM

MR BORROW, THE ENGLISH TEACHER, IS REALLY ANGRY. SOMEONE MADE A BIG MESS² IN HIS CLASSROOM. WHO DID IT? PARKER* POCKET, TEEN DETECTIVE³, IS READY TO SOLVE⁴ THE MYSTERY.

TASK 1

THE SUSPECTS⁵

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 BIN⁶ WAS UPSIDE DOWN⁷ 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 MARKS⁸ 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 MESSSES SOMETIMES. BUT I'M REALLY TRYING. AFTER ENGLISH I WENT TO LUNCH, THEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE. I LEFT MY FOOTBALL CLOTHES IN MY LOCKER⁹ AND I HAD TO GO AND GET THEM, SO I WAS A LITTLE LATE TO PRACTICE, BUT I DIDN'T GO IN THE CLASSROOM.



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!



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.



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.



TASK 2

THE CLUES¹⁰

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		

- ✓ 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.

*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.

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 exactly¹¹ what happened¹² and why.

*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** ['mɪstəri] tajemství, záhada
- 2 **to make a mess** [mes] udělat nepořádek
- 3 **detective** [di'tektɪv] detektiv
- 4 **to solve** [sɒlv] (vy)řešit
- 5 **suspect** ['sʌspekt] podezřelý
- 6 **rubbish bin** ['rʌbɪʃ ,bɪn] odpadkový koš
- 7 **upside down** [ˌʌpsaɪd 'daʊn] vzhůru nohama
- 8 **mark** [mɑ:k] známka, hodnocení
- 9 **locker** ['lɒkə(r)] (uzamykatelná) skříňka
- 10 **clue** [klu:] nápověda, stopa
- 11 **exactly** [ɪg'zæktli] přesně

- 12 **to happen** ['hæpən] stát se
- 13 **condition** [kən'dɪʃən] stav
- 14 **to pay attention** [ə'tenʃən] věnovat pozornost
- 15 **to sit still** – sedět v klidu
- 16 **accident** ['æksɪdənt] nehoda
- 17 **to drop** [drɒp] upustit
- 18 **sink** [sɪŋk] umyvadlo
- 19 **paper towel** [ˌpeɪpə 'taʊəl] papírový ručník
- 20 **to slip** [slɪp] uklouznout
- 21 **to get in trouble** ['trʌbl] dostat se do potíží
- 22 **truth** [tru:θ] pravda



in the Recording Scripts