

# DETECTIVE CHALLENGE

# Build it, use it, solve the crime!

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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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wine, so he grabbed his keys and – or so he said – <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for the village in his van. Meanwhile, Clara Vance spent the whole dinner <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her designer jewellery and talking about her followers. The other guests were clearly <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her arrogance. "I honestly don't know how Lady Ashworth can <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her," Mr Grant whispered.

Just before ten, the storm grew so violent that Tom had to <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the old generator, and the castle went completely dark. Seconds later there was a scream: Dr Reyes had <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the castle, soaking wet. He tried to <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the police database on his laptop, but the internet was down. "We can't <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the interviews until it comes back," he said. "First, let's <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the facts."

Mr Grant insisted he had stayed in his room all night, but the inspector <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that his shoes were covered in fresh mud. Grant admitted he had gone outside to smoke a cigar. "Fine," said Doyle. "Let's <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_." Clara laughed. "Why would I steal anything? I've just <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for a reality TV show – I'm going to be rich!" She then turned to Tom and <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ in front of everyone, calling him "a useless boy who can't even keep the lights on." Poor Tom panicked and <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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