

SPAG and Reading Daily Tasks

Thursday 4th February 2021

Whodunnit? The Case of the Broken Vase

7 The Swaggerty house was well known to
14 anyone in the surrounding area. It had
22 been designed in the shape of a perfect
30 circle. It was also home to the famous
35 and highly valuable Sapphire Vase.

40 When Mr Swaggerty returned home
48 one day to find the vase was broken,
53 he immediately called for Detective
58 Dunnit, who interviewed everyone in
65 the house about what they had been
71 doing that morning. Terri, the gardener,
78 said that she had been watering the
79 plants.

87 Borys, the butler, said that he had been
90 out posting letters.

98 Scott, the cleaner, said that he had been
104 dusting the corners of the house.

112 Instantly, Dunnit knew who had broken the vase.



Quick Questions



1. Find and copy **two** words which show you that the Sapphire Vase was worth a lot of money.



2. What shape was the Swaggerty house?



3. Why do you think the author chose not to reveal who had broken the vase?



4. Who do you think broke the vase? Explain your answer.

Section 1



Add the missing verbs to these sentences so that they are grammatically correct.

At the cinema, my family and I _____ watching a movie in 3D. I _____ a pair of 3D glasses.

Section 4

Mr Whoops has got in a terrible muddle with his silent 'gh' words. Can you help him to match each definition with the correct word?

Mischievous = n _____

Zero = n _____

Past tense of teach = t _____

Section 2

Can you write a possessive apostrophe sentence about the armour that belongs to the knight?



Section 5

determiner	pronoun

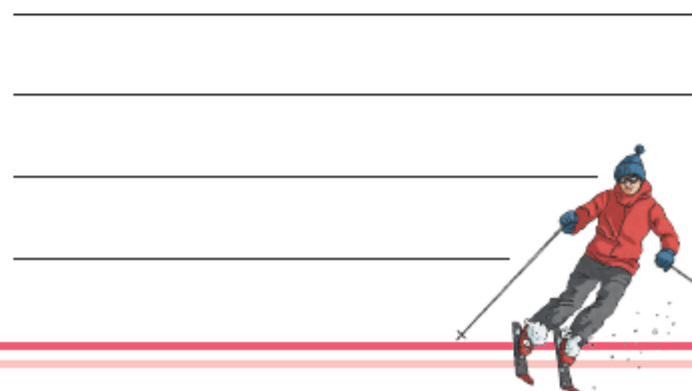
she three many their

Add another word to each column.

Section 3

Up-level this sentence by changing the verb, adding an adjective and a fronted adverbial.

The skier went down the mountain face.



Section 6

Rewrite this sentence and add a subordinate clause:

The hotel receptionist greeted them with a smile.

Answers on the following slides



Quick Questions



1. Find and copy **two** words which show you that the Sapphire Vase was worth a lot of money.

highly valuable



2. What shape was the Swaggerty house?

The Swaggerty house was a perfect circle.



3. Why do you think the author chose not to reveal who had broken the vase?

Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that the author chose not to reveal the answer so that it was more interesting for the reader to work out the answer. It's like a puzzle.



4. Who do you think broke the vase? Explain your answer.

Accept any sensible deduction, such as: I think that Scott broke the vase because he said that he had been dusting the corners of the house when we know that the house is a circle and doesn't have corners.

Section 1

Add the missing verbs to these sentences so that they are grammatically correct.

At the cinema, my family and I were/are watching a movie in 3D. I wore/am wearing a pair of 3D glasses.

Section 2

Can you write a possessive apostrophe sentence about the armour that belongs to the knight?

Accept any singular possessive apostrophe sentence, e.g. The knight's armour protected his body during battle.

Section 3

Up-level this sentence by changing the verb, adding an adjective and a fronted adverbial

The skier went down the mountain face.

Accept any sentence with a more ambitious verb, added adjective and fronted adverbial, e.g. In the Winter Olympics, the brave skier zoomed down the mountain face.

Section 4

Mr Whoops has got in a terrible muddle with his silent 'gh' words. Can you help him to match each definition with the correct word?

Mischievous = **naughty**

Zero = **nought**

Past tense of teach = **taught**

Section 5

Sort these words into the table:

determiner	pronoun
three	she
many	their

Add another word to each column.

Accept any determiners and pronouns added to the correct column.

Section 6

Rewrite this sentence and add a subordinate clause.

The hotel receptionist greeted them with a smile.

Accept any correctly-punctuated sentence with a subordinate clause either before or after the main clause, e.g. When the family arrived, the hotel receptionist greeted them with a smile. OR The hotel receptionist greeted them with a smile when the family arrived.