

Word on the Street

Murder Mystery Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

First, use the correct words to complete the conversation. Then listen to the start of the video to check your answers.

killer / mystery / find out / clues / game /
detectives / pretend / solve

Stephen: Er, Ashlie, what are you doing?

Ash: Looking for _____, of course.

Stephen: But we haven't started yet. We've come away for a Murder Mystery Weekend. It's a fun _____. We're going to be _____ and we're going to try to solve a _____ murder.

Ash: I know it's only a game, but I'm going to be the first to _____ the murder _____. Like my hero, the world's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. I'm going to solve the mystery in record time and _____ who the _____ is.

Activity 2

Watch the rest of the video. Choose the correct expression to complete each sentence.

1. It's ... Stephen has been on a Murder Mystery Weekend.
a) the first time

- b) the second time
2. The murderer is chosen by the ... of the game.
a) players
b) organisers
3. Ash thinks the first victim might have been ...
a) shot.
b) poisoned.
4. Stephen thinks she might have been ...
a) shot.
b) poisoned.
5. ... thinks the murderer might be somebody who likes tea.
a) Ash
b) Stephen

Activity 3

Complete the extracts from the video with the correct words and expressions.

so far / before / yet / in fact / just / still

Ash: I can't wait to get started. Look, Stephen. What's that? It's a clue.

Stephen: Er, Ashlie, I don't think so. That's not a clue. The game hasn't started _____.

Stephen: So how does this game work? I've never done anything like this _____.

Ash: So, what have you found out _____? Found any clues?

Pete: Er, the game hasn't started yet, Ash.

I'm _____ having a cup of tea.

Ash: The murderer wanted us to think the tea was poisoned but _____ the murder weapon was that gun.

Ash: OK, Stephen, so let's start at the beginning. The first clue was ... Look! Another murder.

Stephen: I'm not sure, Ashlie.

Ash: He's _____ warm. The murderer

might be close. He could have just left.

Discussion

- Do you enjoy mystery novels and films?
- Who is your favourite detective?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

Stephen: Er, Ashlie, what are you doing?

Ash: Looking for clues, of course.

Stephen: But we haven't started yet. We've come away for a Murder Mystery Weekend. It's a fun game. We're going to be detectives and we're going to try to solve a pretend murder.

Ash: I know it's only a game, but I'm going to be the first to solve the murder mystery. Like my hero, the world's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. I'm going to solve the mystery in record time and find out who the killer is.

Activity 2

1. a) the first time
2. b) organisers
3. b) poisoned.
4. a) shot.
5. a) Ash

Activity 3

Ash: I can't wait to get started. Look, Stephen. What's that? It's a clue.

Stephen: Er, Ashlie, I don't think so. That's not a clue. The game hasn't started yet.

Stephen: So how does this game work? I've never done anything like this before.

Ash: So, what have you found out so far? Found any clues?

Pete: Er, the game hasn't started yet, Ash. I'm just having a cup of tea.

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Ash: OK, Stephen, so let's start at the beginning. The first clue was ... Look! Another murder.

Stephen: I'm not sure, Ashlie.

Ash: He's still warm. The murderer might be close. He could have just left.