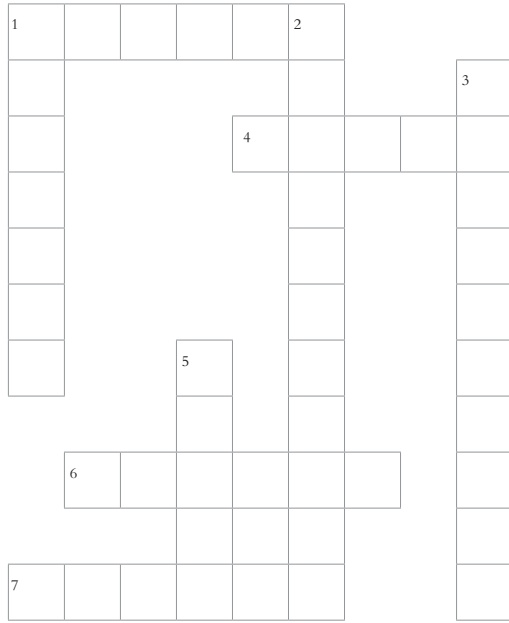


**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Part 1 (Book 1, Chapters 1–7)**

**1 Vocabulary**

Complete the crossword puzzle.



**Across**

- 1 a small, closed paper packet containing a tiny quantity of something
- 4 if an accident or illness is this, it causes someone's death
- 6 to feel bitter and angry about another person or about something you have to do
- 7 very unpleasant

**Down**

- 1 a situation or event that everyone knows about, which people think is shocking and immoral
- 2 having the marks of tears on your face, because you have been crying
- 3 behaviour which shows you are attracted to another person, not in a very serious way
- 5 a negative term for a person who is always unsuccessful

**2 Vocabulary**

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

blink	settle down	forge	worships
beggar	admirers	dull	promising

- 1 When you \_\_\_\_\_, you close your eyes quickly then open them again.
- 2 To \_\_\_\_\_ a document is to make it look genuine when it isn't.
- 3 Some people in the story think that Ruth \_\_\_\_\_ George.

- 4 Victor says that he makes a living by being a professional \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 George was a good husband, but he was a bit \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Rosemary had many \_\_\_\_\_, before and after she was married.
- 7 George wants the family to \_\_\_\_\_ in their new country house.
- 8 Stephen has a very \_\_\_\_\_ career in politics.

**3 Grammar**

Match the sentence halves. Write the verb in the correct form.

- 1 Iris remembers Rosemary (come)
- 2 Rosemary had been rich, because she (inherit)
- 3 One day, Rosemary (cry)
- 4 In the attic, Iris (find)
- 5 Iris went to parties but she (not enjoy)
- 6 Lucilla is afraid Victor (shoot)

- a when Iris came into her study.
- b them very much.
- c home from Paris as a beautiful woman.
- d a letter written by Rosemary to her lover.
- e money from her godfather.
- f himself if she doesn't send him some money.

**4 Comprehension**

Put these events in the correct time sequence.

- a Rosemary dies at the Luxembourg restaurant. [ ]
- b Iris finds a note from Rosemary saying who her belongings should go to. [ ]
- c Iris moves in with Rosemary and George. [ ]
- d George shows Iris two letters. [ ]
- e Stephen wants to end his affair with Rosemary. [ ]
- f Rosemary marries George. [ ]
- g Iris meets Anthony Browne again. [ ]
- h Ruth meets Victor Drake and gives him a ticket to South America. [ ]

**5 Comprehension**

Are these sentences True or False? Correct the ones you think are false.

- 1 Sandra wants to split up with Stephen when she finds out about his affair.
- 2 Anthony isn't in love with Rosemary.
- 3 George is happy to help Victor Drake.
- 4 Stephen sees his marriage as a way to develop his career.
- 5 Iris is extremely jealous of Rosemary's money.
- 6 Stephen wants a long-term relationship with Rosemary.
- 7 Anthony doesn't want to visit Iris's home.
- 8 Victor is a good son who is in real trouble.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Part 2 (Book 2, Chapters 1–6)**

**1 Vocabulary**

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

trap	binoculars	toast	cabaret
disposition	villain	hollow	revenge

- During the \_\_\_\_\_, all the guests sit down at the table.
- Lucilla doesn't think that her son is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The house in the country is damp because it is in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Anthony sees Iris from a long way away with his \_\_\_\_\_.
- At the party, everyone drinks a \_\_\_\_\_ to Iris.
- If George knew about the affair, he might want \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sandra thinks the party is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rosemary's doctor doesn't think she had a \_\_\_\_\_ to commit suicide.

**2 Vocabulary**

Match the words with the definitions.

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| 1 cowardly | 5 betray         |
| 2 consent  | 6 gaze           |
| 3 gloomy   | 7 prosecute      |
| 4 in trust | 8 subconsciously |

- a weather which is damp and grey, and makes you feel unhappy
- b something which is protected by another person or organization for a young person to have in the future
- c to charge a person with a crime and put them on trial
- d to do, know or think something without being fully aware of why you feel the way you do
- e in a way which isn't brave
- f to give information to an enemy and put others at risk
- g official permission to do something
- h to look at someone or something for a long time because you find them attractive or interesting

**3 Grammar**

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- Lucilla **can** / **can't** see any fault in her son Victor.
- Sandra believes that people in a marriage **don't have to** / **should** share their difficulties.
- Sandra will **never** / **always** understand why Stephen had an affair with Rosemary.
- Iris says that she **could** / **couldn't** marry Anthony without her family's permission.
- George talks to Colonel Race and says he **doesn't want** / **needs** his advice.
- Race thinks that one of the women **possibly** / **definitely** killed George.

**4 Grammar**

Make sentences using the words in the table.

Ruth	didn't want	to sit next to Anthony at dinner.
Iris	might want	Iris if she trusts him.
Sandra	tells	to go away with Rosemary.
Stephen	asks	George that Victor has been stealing money.
Anthony	sits	to marry Ruth.
George	would like	on the right of George in the restaurant.

**5 Comprehension**

- Why does Lucilla think that Ruth wants to marry George?  
.....
- How do Sandra and Stephen feel about the invitation to Iris's party?  
.....
- Why does George say he has planned the party at the Luxembourg?  
.....
- Why does Anthony ask Iris to come to London?  
.....
- Why didn't Race come to the party at which Iris died?  
.....
- Why does Iris suggest cancelling the party?  
.....
- Why does Ruth remember the date that they sent Victor to South America?  
.....
- How many places were there at the table in the Luxembourg?  
.....

**6 Comprehension**

Who might say each of these things?

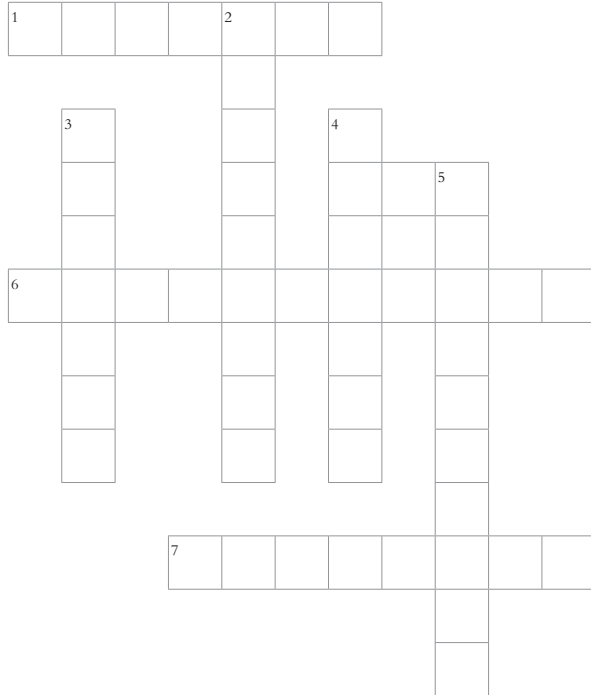
- 'It might be nice if George married Ruth.'
- 'My son is in trouble, I have to help him.'
- 'I don't like having George as a neighbour, so I often go back to London to work.'
- 'I don't like living in the country, and I would prefer to be in London.'
- 'I love her, but I don't want to spend time with her family.'
- 'You should go to the police with your problem, not set a trap yourself.'
- 'Victor is causing trouble again, but I can help you sort it out.'
- 'I love my husband and I don't want to leave him, even if he was having an affair.'

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Part 3 (Book 3, Chapters 1–7)**

**1 Vocabulary**

Complete the crossword puzzle.



**Across**

- 1 to lose consciousness (two words)
- 6 a date which is remembered because a special event happened on that date in a previous year
- 7 being very sad because someone you love has died

**Down**

- 2 noticing a lot of details about people, places or events
- 3 shocked and astonished by something; unable to do anything about it
- 4 to show small, bright points of light
- 5 information which is officially secret

**2 Vocabulary**

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

parlourmaid	summon	fortune hunters	indignantly
reference	conjuring	fitting	morello

- 1 Aunt Lucilla wants to protect Iris from men who are \_\_\_\_\_, only interested in her money.
- 2 The police have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ suspects for an interview.
- 3 ‘Why are you reading my letters?’ she cried \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4 Lucilla didn’t give Betty Archdale a very good \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Betty works as a \_\_\_\_\_ for a friend of Colonel Race.
- 6 Nobody knows how the cyanide got in George’s glass, it seems like a \_\_\_\_\_ trick.
- 7 A \_\_\_\_\_ cherry is a type often used to make jam.
- 8 It isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ for Iris to talk about marrying Anthony when George has just died.

**3 Grammar**

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Kemp thinks the two deaths **must** / **can’t** be connected.
- 2 The murderer **can’t have** / **might have** panicked and killed George when he started to ask questions.
- 3 Sandra Farraday **must have** / **might have** known about the affair.
- 4 Ruth **might have** / **can’t have** been in love with George.
- 5 George **must have** / **couldn’t have** written the letters himself.
- 6 The other guests **can’t have** / **might have** seen something useful.

**4 Comprehension**

When George is murdered, how do people react? Match the person to the reaction.

Ruth	Colonel Race	Iris	Lucilla
Giuseppe Bolsano	Stephen Farraday	Sandra Farraday	

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ is shocked, and imagines that Rosemary had come to get him.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ bursts into tears and has no idea what to do.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ thinks it is suicide.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ thinks he killed himself because he was unhappy about Rosemary.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is stunned, but comes to work to sort things out.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ helps the police with their inquiries.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t think he has any enemies who would murder him.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Part 4 (Book 3, Chapters 8–14)**

**1 Vocabulary**

Read the definitions and find the words.

R	U	C	O	M	P	A	C	T	G
F	N	D	Q	D	A	H	E	B	N
A	D	S	C	H	E	I	R	L	M
V	E	G	N	A	Q	K	I	O	O
M	R	J	U	T	R	R	S	O	S
O	C	K	G	H	O	S	T	D	E
C	O	O	A	U	Y	W	V	S	C
K	V	P	M	I	U	Q	B	H	O
I	E	R	H	Y	M	N	J	O	U
N	R	E	K	P	O	C	M	T	G
G	I	A	J	T	R	B	Q	V	H

- 1 working in disguise in order to get secret information about your enemies
- 2 in a way which suggests you are laughing at what another person has said
- 3 a religious song which Christians sing in church
- 4 to force air out of your throat with a sudden harsh noise
- 5 if your eyes are like this, the parts that are usually white are pink
- 6 a small, flat case which contains face powder and a mirror
- 7 the spirit of a dead person which someone believes they can see or hear
- 8 someone who has the right to inherit a person's money or property when that person dies

**2 Vocabulary**

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

finish	nightmare	sentence	befriend
incriminating	trial	coincidence	fancy dress

- 1 George was close to discovering the secret, so someone might have wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ him off.
- 2 Iris thinks the whole situation is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Race thinks that Anthony wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Iris because of her money.
- 4 The cyanide in Iris's handbag is very \_\_\_\_\_ evidence.
- 5 If a person is arrested, the case might come to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6 Anthony says it is a \_\_\_\_\_ that a factory was sabotaged after his visit.
- 7 George paid an actress to wear \_\_\_\_\_ so she would look like Ruth.
- 8 Anthony served a prison \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his undercover disguise.

**3 Grammar**

Read the sentences and write the second half using the prompts.

- 1 George contacted Chloe West because (he / have / a job / for her)
- 2 Stephen says to the police, 'There is no proof that (this letter / write / to me)
- 3 A scandal would (ruin / your political career)
- 4 The clever story would be to say that his wife knew about the affair and (accept / it)
- 5 Anthony sat down, and (throw / his cigarette / into the fire)
- 6 You wanted the wedding to happen before the family (can / discover / your background)

**4 Grammar**

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 came / prison / I / out / when / of / trusted / me / they
- 2 darling / worrying / my / what's / you / ?
- 3 packet / under / table / that / dropped / the / I
- 4 bag / who / put / have / could / in / it / my / ?
- 5 believe / I / type / she's / jealous / the
- 6 is / person / think / Iris Marle / the / I / guilty

**5 Comprehension**

- 1 Who is the first person interviewed by the police?  
.....
- 2 Why didn't Chloe West come to the restaurant that evening?  
.....
- 3 Why didn't Anthony want to meet Colonel Race at the restaurant?  
.....
- 4 How does Anthony persuade Iris to tell the police about the sachet of cyanide?  
.....
- 5 What does Anthony move on the table in the café?  
.....

**ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)**

**Part 1 (Book 1, Chapters 1–7)**

**1 Vocabulary**

**Across**

- 1 sachet
- 4 fatal
- 6 resent
- 7 horrid

**Down**

- 1 scandal
- 2 tearstained
- 3 flirtation
- 5 loser

**2 Vocabulary**

- 1 blink
- 2 forge
- 3 worships
- 4 beggar
- 5 dull
- 6 admirers
- 7 settle down
- 8 promising

**3 Grammar**

- 1 Iris remembers Rosemary coming home from Paris as a beautiful woman.
- 2 Rosemary had been rich, because she had inherited money from her godfather.
- 3 One day, Rosemary was crying when Iris came into her study.
- 4 When she was in the attic, Iris found a letter written by Rosemary to her lover.
- 5 Iris went to parties but she didn't enjoy them very much.
- 6 Lucilla is afraid Victor will shoot himself if she doesn't send him some money.

**4 Comprehension**

- a 6
- b 4
- c 2
- d 8
- e 3
- f 1
- g 7
- h 5

**5 Comprehension**

- 1 False. Sandra doesn't want to split up with Stephen.
- 2 True
- 3 False. George is angry about Victor asking for money.
- 4 True
- 5 False. Iris thinks that deep in her heart she might have been jealous of Rosemary's money.
- 6 False. Stephen wants to end his affair with Rosemary.
- 7 True
- 8 False. Victor pretends to be in trouble so his mother will give him money.

**Part 2 (Book 2, Chapters 1–6)**

**1 Vocabulary**

- 1 cabaret
- 2 villain
- 3 hollow
- 4 binoculars
- 5 toast
- 6 revenge
- 7 trap
- 8 disposition

**2 Vocabulary**

- 1 e
- 2 g
- 3 a
- 4 b
- 5 f
- 6 h
- 7 c
- 8 d

**3 Grammar**

- 1 can't
- 2 should
- 3 never
- 4 couldn't
- 5 needs
- 6 possibly

**4 Grammar**

- 1 Ruth tells George that Victor has been stealing money.
- 2 Iris would like to sit next to Anthony at dinner.
- 3 Sandra sits on the right of George in the restaurant.
- 4 Stephen didn't want to go away with Rosemary.
- 5 Anthony asks Iris if she trusts him.
- 6 George might want to marry Ruth.

**5 Comprehension**

- 1 Because she is always at the house and thinks she is part of the family.
- 2 They don't want to go, and they think it is a trap.
- 3 So that Iris can face her fear of the place and move on.
- 4 To marry him by special licence.
- 5 He was called to South Africa.
- 6 Because Lucilla is upset about Victor.
- 7 It was the date that Rosemary was rude to her.
- 8 There were seven places and six guests.

**6 Comprehension**

- 1 Iris
- 2 Lucilla
- 3 Stephen Farraday
- 4 Iris
- 5 Anthony Browne
- 6 Colonel Race
- 7 Ruth
- 8 Sandra Farraday

**Part 3 (Book 3, Chapters 1–7)**

**1 Vocabulary**

**Across**

- 1 pass out
- 6 anniversary
- 7 grieving

**Down**

- 2 observant
- 3 stunned
- 4 sparkle
- 5 classified

**2 Vocabulary**

- 1 fortune hunters
- 2 summon
- 3 indignantly
- 4 reference
- 5 parlourmaid
- 6 conjuring
- 7 morello
- 8 fitting

**3 Grammar**

- 1 must
- 2 might have
- 3 might have
- 4 might have
- 5 couldn't have
- 6 might have

**4 Comprehension**

- 1 Iris
- 2 Lucilla
- 3 Sandra Farraday
- 4 Giuseppe Bolsano
- 5 Ruth
- 6 Colonel Race
- 7 Stephen Farraday

**Part 4 (Book 3, Chapters 8–14)**

**1 Vocabulary**

R	U	C	O	M	P	A	C	T	G
F	N	D	Q	D	A	H	E	B	N
A	D	S	C	H	E	I	R	L	M
V	E	G	N	A	Q	K	I	O	O
M	R	J	U	T	R	R	S	O	S
O	C	K	G	H	O	S	T	D	E
C	O	O	A	U	Y	W	V	S	C
K	V	P	M	I	U	Q	B	H	O
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N	R	E	K	P	O	C	M	T	G
G	I	A	J	T	R	B	Q	V	H

## Sparkling Cyanide

*Agatha Christie*

- 1 undercover
- 2 mocking
- 3 hymn
- 4 cough
- 5 bloodshot
- 6 compact
- 7 ghost
- 8 heir

### **2 Vocabulary**

- 1 finish
- 2 nightmare
- 3 befriend
- 4 incriminating
- 5 trial
- 6 coincidence
- 7 fancy dress
- 8 sentence

### **3 Grammar**

- 1 he had a job for her
- 2 this letter was written to me
- 3 have ruined your political career
- 4 had accepted it
- 5 threw his cigarette into the fire
- 6 could discover your background

### **4 Grammar**

- 1 When I came out of prison, they trusted me.
- 2 What's worrying you, my darling?
- 3 I dropped that packet under the table.
- 4 Who could have put it in my bag?
- 5 I believe she's the jealous type.
- 6 I think the guilty person is Iris Marle.

### **5 Comprehension**

- 1 Pierre, a junior waiter
- 2 Because someone rang her and said the party was cancelled.
- 3 Because he was still undercover and didn't want to be recognized.
- 4 He says that it will be worse if she keeps it quiet.
- 5 Kemp's pipe