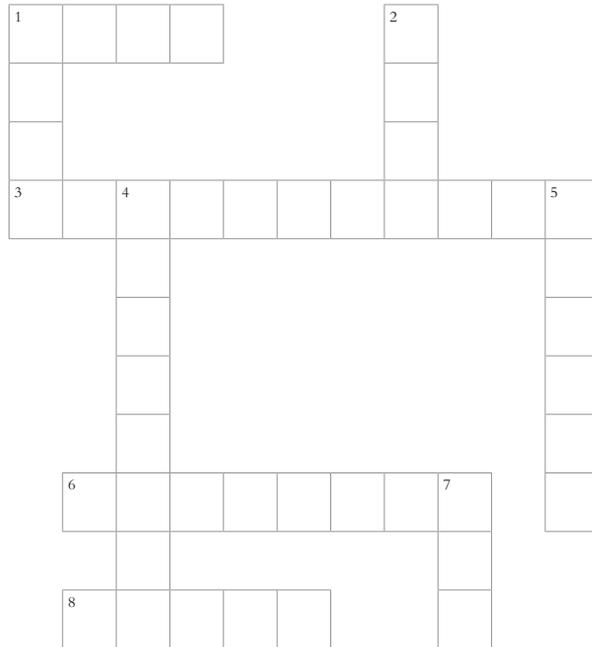


**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Part 1 (Chapters 1–7)**

**1 Vocabulary**

Complete the crossword puzzle.



**Across**

- 1 an open-air market
- 3 when something has been made by hand from wool using knitting needles
- 6 a secret word or phrase that enables you to enter a place or be recognized
- 8 small pieces of coloured glass, wood, etc., with a hole in the middle, which are worn as jewellery or used when praying

**Down**

- 1 to let out a deep breath, as a way of expressing feelings such as disappointment, tiredness, or pleasure
- 2 a short, informal letter recommending someone for a job
- 4 an informal name for someone or something
- 5 an animal like a small horse with long ears
- 7 an excavation where archaeologists look for ancient remains

**2 Vocabulary**

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

alley	doubtfully	proof	microfilm
efficiency	twist	pointless	mission

- 1 It's a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_, but we're sure our agent will succeed.
- 2 We want to employ someone who does the job with \_\_\_\_\_ and skill.
- 3 I think I'm lost – I thought this \_\_\_\_\_ went to the main square, but it doesn't!

- 4 He's bringing an important \_\_\_\_\_ which will show what we want to know.
- 5 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your face up like that, you look funny!
- 6 I know what you're saying, but have you got any \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7 They looked at me \_\_\_\_\_ - I don't think they believed me.
- 8 This journey is \_\_\_\_\_ - we'll never find the information we need!

**3 Comprehension**

Are the following sentences true or false? Correct any that you think are false.

- 1 Victoria loses her job because she isn't a very good typist.
- 2 At first she is too shy to talk to Edward.
- 3 Edward has never been to FitzJames Gardens before.
- 4 Victoria guesses that Edward was a fighter pilot.
- 5 He is very pleased to be going to Baghdad.
- 6 Dr Rathbone is very interested in selling books.

**4 Comprehension**

Put these events in the correct time sequence.

- \_\_\_ a Victoria finds out about a job in Baghdad.
- \_\_\_ b Carmichael sends Baker a message in Morse Code.
- \_\_\_ c Carmichael tells Dakin about an underground laboratory in a remote valley.
- \_\_\_ d Victoria says that Dr Pauncefoot Jones is her uncle.
- \_\_\_ e Anna Scheele goes to London with her sister.
- \_\_\_ f Captain Crosbie goes to the Iraqi Iranian Oil Company.
- \_\_\_ g Victoria sees Anna Scheele in the Savoy Hotel.
- \_\_\_ h Somebody tries to stab Carmichael in a shop.

**5 Grammar**

Complete the comparisons with the words in the box.

as	worst	most	more
best	so	less	very

- 1 He was \_\_\_\_\_ good-looking as an angel.
- 2 'We will be in the \_\_\_\_\_ worst trouble.'
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy now, she looked at her watch. She decided to go for a walk.
- 4 'Either my \_\_\_\_\_ reliable man has gone mad ... or this thing is true.'
- 5 The afternoon at the Pyramids was \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyable that Victoria wished she could stay a week in Cairo.
- 6 'The \_\_\_\_\_ buys I've ever made ... All due to your excellent bargaining.'
- 7 'There have even been security leaks from our own people – that's our \_\_\_\_\_ danger.'
- 8 'Victoria needs something with a bit \_\_\_\_\_ style.'

# They Came to Baghdad

*Agatha Christie*

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Part 2 (Chapters 8–13)

#### 1 Vocabulary

Circle the word that doesn't fit in each group. Explain why.

- 1 branch railing hysterical pillow
- 2 greet ambulance preach twinkle
- 3 irritation distress pride exhausted
- 4 bookings wounded jealous exhausted
- 5 ambulance blow lamp dust storm depend on
- 6 intelligence torture jealous determination

#### 2 Vocabulary

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Please calm down – you don't have to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(hysterical / irritation)
- 2 I know what they've done, and \_\_\_\_\_ I'll prove it. (meant to be / sooner or later)
- 3 The hotel is quiet – there aren't many \_\_\_\_\_ at this time of year. (bookings / greetings)
- 4 We have to help them – they've been \_\_\_\_\_. (exhausted / wounded)
- 5 The copper jug was made using a traditional \_\_\_\_\_. (dust storm / blow lamp)
- 6 I try not to worry about the future. If something is \_\_\_\_\_, I accept it. (intelligence / meant to be)

#### 3 Comprehension

Match the descriptions to the characters.

1 The hotel owner, who is friendly to his guests but bossy to his staff.	<b>a</b> Sanders
2 An Englishwoman who isn't fooled by invented references.	<b>b</b> Dr Rathbone
3 A man who has lost something important at work.	<b>c</b> Marcus Tio
4 A young woman with sad, dark eyes.	<b>d</b> Catherine
5 An important-looking, kind man of about sixty.	<b>e</b> Mr Dakin
6 A thin, tired-looking, middle-aged man.	<b>f</b> Mrs Cardew Trench

#### 4 Comprehension

Choose the correct words to complete the text.

view	Colonial	proud	comfortable	waiter
exist	stabbed	worried	enjoy	following

Victoria goes to the Tio Hotel when she arrives in Baghdad. It is a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ hotel with a good (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tigris. At first, there is a dust storm in the city, and Victoria is very unhappy. But after she has a bath and lunch at the hotel, she is able to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ her surroundings more. She hears Mrs Hamilton Clipp talking to Mrs Cardew Trench, who knows the Bishop of Llangow doesn't (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Victoria

explains by saying she had meant Lanagao – and that her uncle was a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Bishop.

Dakin and Crosbie are also at the Tio Hotel, and they are interested to learn that Victoria travelled on the same plane as Sir Rupert Crofton Lee. They are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that Victoria might be working for the enemy and could be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Crofton Lee. Mrs Cardew Trench knows him as a very clever man, who is quite (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

Later that evening, Dakin, Crosbie and Crofton Lee prepare their plans to get Carmichael into the hotel safely. Dakin disguises himself as a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and ties a rope down to the river, as he will be arriving by boat. Crofton Lee will meet him first, and will tell Dakin and Crosbie when he arrives. But Carmichael is (10) \_\_\_\_\_, and dies in Victoria's room.

#### 5 Grammar

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 She went into that private hospital where her sister \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an operation.
- 2 I'm sure she \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) she was being followed.
- 3 The dust had changed Victoria's hair from black to red-brown, and her face \_\_\_\_\_ (be) sore.
- 4 But Victoria had what she wanted and \_\_\_\_\_ (take) no more risks.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) a little way along was a man with grey hair curling down on to his red-brown neck.
- 6 For the next hour she \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) the Olive Branch.
- 7 A donkey \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) a huge load made Victoria step aside into a dark alley.
- 8 Tell me where you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) and I'll make sure he gets in touch as soon as he's here.

#### 6 Grammar

Match the questions and answers from the story.

1 Where did the ambulance take her?	<b>a</b> Yes, Paul, my sister's husband.
2 And what are you doing here?	<b>b</b> I'm joining my uncle, Dr Pauncefoot Jones.
3 Do you know if Dr Rathbone is here?	<b>c</b> Yes, of course, you can be most valuable.
4 Where is he staying, do you know?	<b>d</b> University College Hospital.
5 The Olive Branch ... where did you say it was?	<b>e</b> Is Dr Rathbone here?
6 Can I help you?	<b>f</b> At the Babylonian Palace Hotel, I believe.
7 I was wondering if I could do some work here?	<b>g</b> He just arrived.
8 You've got a doctor in your family, haven't you?	<b>h</b> Up past the second bridge. Off Rashid Street.

# They Came to Baghdad

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Part 3 (Chapters 14–17)

#### 1 Comprehension

Are these sentences true or false? Correct any that you think are false.

- Edward thinks Victoria's story that she is Miss Pauncefoot Jones isn't very good.
- Edward realizes how Victoria feels about Catherine.
- He is surprised when Victoria mentions the name Anna Scheele.
- He thinks the story Victoria tells him of Carmichael getting stabbed is convincing.
- He says he overheard one of the girls in the Olive Branch saying they would give Anna Scheele her orders.
- Sir Rupert's body is found in a different country.
- Some of the girls at work are jealous of Victoria.
- Edward is fascinated by the ruins at Babylon.

#### 2 Comprehension

Answer the questions.

- What does Victoria realize about Sir Rupert?  
.....
- What does she now think happened in Cairo?  
.....
- Who else does Victoria now recognize?  
.....
- What advice does Edward give her?  
.....
- Where is Victoria taken to when she is abducted?  
.....
- How does she escape?  
.....
- Why does Richard Baker say 'I'm just the right person to have rescued you, aren't I?'  
.....
- What is a tell?  
.....

#### 3 Grammar

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

- 'We're so pleased to see you,' she said.  
.....
- 'I mean, what wonderful chance brought you to Basrah?' asked Edward.  
.....
- 'I've never met anyone like you,' he said.  
.....
- Victoria asked suddenly, 'Edward, what's your last name?'  
.....

- 'I'm not going to Baghdad,' said Baker.  
.....
- 'I escaped and walked all through the night,' said Victoria.  
.....
- 'Do you like the cinema?' asked Richard.  
.....
- 'Where are we going?' asked Victoria.  
.....

#### 4 Grammar

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

*Victoria's dream*

- She dreamed of a woman \_\_\_\_\_ (come) towards her along a hotel corridor.
- When the woman got near her, she \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the face was Catherine's.
- And suddenly Edward \_\_\_\_\_ (go) and she was alone in the dark.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (run) in terror down a hotel corridor.

*The cinema in the desert*

- One man \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) a short wooden seat, the other a big round wooden object.
- He spoke to the men and they \_\_\_\_\_ (smile) with pleasure.
- One man began \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) a handle.
- People \_\_\_\_\_ (skate) on ice completed this strange collection of old photographs.

#### 5 Vocabulary

Match the words to the definitions.

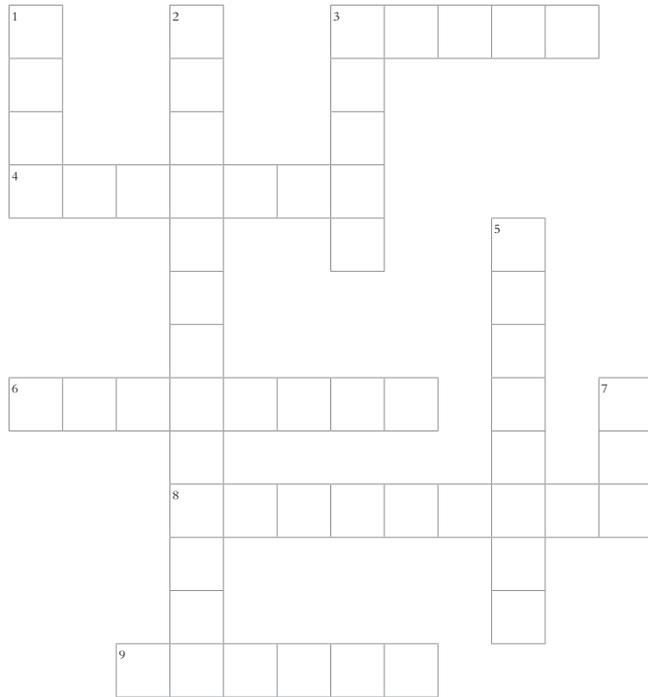
1 rough	a a feeling that you have about a particular situation, rather than an opinion based on facts
2 impersonator	b the feeling you have when something unpleasant is no longer happening
3 instinct	c the part of an object that you hold in order to be able to pick up and use the object
4 chloroform	d a very great fear
5 relief	e with bumps and holes
6 handle	f a colourless liquid with a strong, sweet smell, which makes you unconscious
7 pottery	g objects made from clay, typically plates, cups and large containers
8 terror	h a person who pretends to be someone else in order to trick people

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Part 4 (Chapters 18–23)**

**1 Vocabulary**

Complete the crossword puzzle.



**Across**

- 3 a person who is owned by another person and has to work for that person without pay
- 4 someone who secretly helps the enemy and puts their country in danger
- 6 a woman with brown hair
- 8 loving and admiring someone
- 9 according to certain religions, the place where good people are said to go when they die

**Down**

- 1 a secret plan to do something illegal or wrong
- 2 absolutely essential
- 3 obvious disrespect for someone or something
- 5 something such as a piece of clothing, made using wool and knitting needles
- 7 a member of a female religious community

**2 Comprehension**

- 1 Why is Dr Pauncefoot Jones surprised when Victoria arrives?  
.....
- 2 Why does Victoria read all the time she is alone?  
.....
- 3 What does Richard tell Victoria about Carmichael?  
.....

- 4 When Richard describes what happened at the Consulate, what does Victoria start to wonder, and why?  
.....
- 5 What clue does Victoria find in *A Tale of Two Cities*?  
.....
- 6 How does Richard know she isn't Venetia Savile?  
.....
- 7 Who has noticed that Victoria had been away?  
.....
- 8 Why does Edward want to stop Anna Scheele from giving her speech?  
.....

**3 Comprehension**

Read the end of the story. Tick the sentences that are true.

- 1 Anna Scheele is drugged at the airport. \_\_\_\_
- 2 Catherine attacks Victoria. \_\_\_\_
- 3 Richard Baker is worried about Victoria and goes back to look for her. \_\_\_\_
- 4 Victoria is rescued by an American. \_\_\_\_
- 5 Anna Scheele gets to Baghdad on her own. \_\_\_\_
- 6 Richard delivers the scarf to Dakin. \_\_\_\_
- 7 The real Mrs Pauncefoot Jones is in England. \_\_\_\_
- 8 The undercover agent Grete Harden wasn't killed. \_\_\_\_

**4 Grammar**

Complete the sentences from the story using adverbs made from the words in the box.

fatal	doubtful	deep	careful
comfortable	quick	cheerful	slow

- 1 'I don't think I have a niece,' he said \_\_\_\_.
- 2 All her silly, childish love \_\_\_\_ disappeared.
- 3 He stepped back, waved \_\_\_\_, and the car started off.
- 4 As soon as Grete Harden went through, she closed the door and \_\_\_\_ took down the board.
- 5 'Oh, I'm sure she's fine,' said Dr Pauncefoot Jones \_\_\_\_.
- 6 Every blonde hair was \_\_\_\_ styled.
- 7 The other man was \_\_\_\_ injured.
- 8 Dakin sighed \_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)**

**Part 1 (Chapters 1–7)**

**1 Vocabulary**

**Across**

- 1 souk
- 3 hand-knitted
- 6 password
- 8 beads

**Down**

- 1 sigh
- 2 chit
- 4 nickname
- 5 donkey
- 7 dig

**2 Vocabulary**

- 1 mission
- 2 efficiency
- 3 alley
- 4 microfilm
- 5 twist
- 6 proof
- 7 doubtfully
- 8 pointless

**3 Comprehension**

- 1 False. She loses her job because she impersonates her boss's wife.
- 2 False. She isn't shy of talking to him.
- 3 True
- 4 True
- 5 False. He doesn't want to go now he has met Victoria.
- 6 False. He is interested in translating Shakespeare.

**4 Comprehension**

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

**5 Grammar**

- 1 as
- 2 very
- 3 Less
- 4 most
- 5 so
- 6 best
- 7 worst
- 8 more

**Part 2 (Chapters 8–13)**

**1 Vocabulary**

- 1 hysterical (adjective not noun)
- 2 ambulance (noun not verb)
- 3 exhausted (adjective not noun)
- 4 bookings (noun not adjective)
- 5 depend on (verb not noun)
- 6 jealous (adjective not noun)

**2 Vocabulary**

- 1 hysterical
- 2 sooner or later
- 3 bookings
- 4 wounded
- 5 blow lamp
- 6 meant to be

**3 Comprehension**

- 1 c
- 2 f
- 3 a
- 4 d
- 5 b
- 6 e

**4 Comprehension**

- 1 comfortable
- 2 view
- 3 enjoy
- 4 exist
- 5 Colonial
- 6 worried
- 7 following
- 8 proud
- 9 waiter
- 10 stabbed

**5 Grammar**

- 1 was having
- 2 didn't know
- 3 was
- 4 was taking
- 5 Sitting
- 6 forgot
- 7 carrying
- 8 are staying

**6 Grammar**

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

**Part 3 (Chapters 14–17)**

**1 Comprehension**

- 1 False. He thinks it's an excellent story.
- 2 False. He doesn't notice that Victoria is angry about Catherine.
- 3 True
- 4 False. He thinks it is unbelievable.
- 5 False. He says he overheard one of the girls saying they would get orders from Anna Scheele.
- 6 True
- 7 True
- 8 False. He isn't interested in the past.

**2 Comprehension**

- 1 He didn't have a boil on his neck in Baghdad, so it must have been someone else. This person must have been the one who stabbed Carmichael.
- 2 Sir Rupert was taken away by enemy agents when he was invited to the BOAC office.
- 3 The air hostess she saw in Cairo was in the Olive Branch talking to Catherine.
- 4 To spend more time with Catherine.
- 5 A small house in a village.
- 6 By making the floor wet and getting the key to come under the door from the other side in the mud.
- 7 Because he is going to see her 'uncle'.
- 8 An archaeological site where many buildings have been built in the same area, so there are many ruins.

**3 Grammar**

- 1 She said they were so pleased to see her.
- 2 Edward asked her what wonderful chance had brought her to Basrah.
- 3 He said he had never met anyone like her.
- 4 Victoria suddenly asked Edward what his last name was.
- 5 Baker said he wasn't going to Baghdad.
- 6 Victoria said she had escaped and had walked all through the night.
- 7 Richard asked her if she liked the cinema.
- 8 Victoria asked where they were going.

**4 Grammar**

- 1 coming
- 2 saw
- 3 had gone
- 4 was running
- 5 carried
- 6 smiled
- 7 to turn
- 8 skating

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## 5 Vocabulary

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

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## Part 4 (Chapters 18–23)

### 1 Vocabulary

#### Across

- 3 slave
- 4 traitor
- 6 brunette
- 8 adoration
- 9 heaven

#### Down

- 1 plot
- 2 indispensable
- 3 scorn
- 5 knitting
- 7 nun

### 2 Comprehension

- 1 He doesn't think he has a niece, then he remembers Venetia Savile, who is supposed to be coming in a few weeks.
- 2 She has to learn about archaeology.
- 3 He tells her about the shooting in the Consulate, how they communicated in code, where Carmichael went after the shooting, and who was staying at the Consulate.
- 4 She wonders why Carmichael changed direction when he was running – did he see someone he was scared of, and whether Crosbie was this person.
- 5 She reads about Madame Defarge hiding names in her knitting, and realizes that Carmichael's scarf is important.
- 6 He has said some strange things about archaeology which she has agreed with.
- 7 Nobody has noticed.
- 8 Because she has found out about their financial operations and can stop their plan. Edward wants Victoria to present his paper instead of Anna's at the Conference.

### 3 Comprehension

Items 3, 5, 7 and 8 are true.

### 4 Grammar

- 1 doubtfully
- 2 slowly
- 3 cheerfully
- 4 quickly
- 5 comfortably
- 6 carefully
- 7 fatally
- 8 deeply