

New Elementary 2
Unit 6 Reading
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Detective Jones Investigates

investigate = look for facts to find the truth

A The missing earring

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Mrs. Lawrence: One of my earrings is missing. I can't find it anywhere. This is the other one. They're very valuable.

Detective Jones: When did you last see it?

Mrs. Lawrence: This morning. I was wearing the earrings this morning. I was talking to the gardener at the front door when my housekeeper, Mrs. Johnson arrived.

Detective Jones: What time was that?

Mrs. Lawrence: It was 10:05 exactly. I looked at my watch because Mrs. Johnson was late. Anyway, while I was talking to her, the phone rang. I came in here and answered it. I took off one earring and put it on the table next to the telephone. I had a long phone conversation, and then I went out.

Detective Jones: And you left the earring on the table?

Mrs. Lawrence: Yes, I forgot about it. While I was out, I remembered it. I came right back.

Detective Jones: And what time was that?

Mrs. Lawrence: About 11:00. I went straight to the phone, and the earring wasn't there.

Detective Jones: Who was in the house while you were out?

Mrs. Lawrence: Just Mrs. Johnson.

Detective Jones: And where was the gardener?

Mrs. Lawrence: Adam? He was working in the front garden.

Detective Jones: Hmm. Well, Mrs. Lawrence, I'd like to ask them some questions.

missing = lost

library = a room or a building full of bookshelves

valuable (adj.) = expensive and important

last = for the last time

gardener = a person who looks after a garden

front ≠ back

housekeeper = servant = a person who cleans a house

10:05 = ten oh five

anyway = anyhow = after all

while = when
phone = telephone
ring ⇒ rang
next to = beside
leave → left
forget → forgot
forget ≠ remember
right = right away = quickly
about = around, almost
straight = directly
just = only
I'd like to = I want to

B Mrs. Johnson, the housekeeper

Detective Jones talked to Mrs. Johnson.

Detective Jones: Did you go into the library this morning while Mrs. Lawrence was out?

Mrs. Johnson: Yes, I did.

Detective Jones: What were you doing in there?

Mrs. Johnson: I was vacuuming.

Detective Jones: And did you see Mrs. Lawrence's earring?

Mrs. Johnson: No, I didn't.

while = when
vacuum cleaner (American) = Hoover (British)
vacuum (v.) = to clean a place with a vacuum cleaner.

C Adam, the gardener

Detective Jones talked to Adam, the gardener.

Detective Jones: What were you doing when Mrs. Lawrence went out?

Adam: I was having a cup of coffee. I always take a coffee break at 10:30.

Detective Jones: And where were you working while she was out?

Adam: Here, in the front garden.

Detective Jones: Did you go inside the house?

Adam: Oh, no. I can't go inside the house. Not while I'm wearing my boots.

break = time to rest; time to take a break
coffee break = time when you stop work to drink coffee
inside ≠ outside

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Detective Jones: What's this?

Mrs. Lawrence: It's my earring! So it was here!

Detective Jones: I think I know the answer. Mrs. Lawrence! It happened while poor Mrs. Johnson was cleaning here.

then = later; after that

drop = انداختن

fall = افتادن

waste basket = trash can

so = therefore

poor = unlucky, unfortunate

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Sample Summary:

A woman lost her earring. She asked a detective to find it. She said she left it on a table in a room. She said only her housekeeper and her gardener were there. The detective talked to them. They said they did not see the earring. The detective found the earring in a trash can. He said the housekeeper moved it by mistake.

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