

The Body in the Library

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

- 1 Find words in Chapters 1–2.
 - a The sound or mark people make when walking. (p. 2)
 - b To feel depressed or sad. (p. 3)
 - c Similar to 'stupid'. (p. 6)
 - d To like someone or something very much. (p. 10)
 - e Badly or impolitely. (p. 12)
 - f Discovering a fact or information. (p. 13)
- 2 Write questions for the answers.
 - a Who / Mrs Bantry / body?
.....
The maid, Mary.
 - b What / the dead girl?
.....
A white evening dress and silver shoes.
 - c Why / dead girl / Miss Marple / someone?
.....
She bit her nails and her front teeth stuck out.
 - d What / butler / usually / library?
.....
At about seven-thirty.
 - e How / Colonel Melchett / cottage?
.....
In a police car.
 - f Dinah Lee / look?
.....
She had blonde hair and bright red lips.

Chapters 3–4

- 3 Write the names to finish the sentences.
Mr Prescott Mark Gaskell Ruby Keene
Josie Turner Conway Jefferson
Raymond Starr George Bartlett
 - a was eighteen, had blond hair and blue eyes.
 - b was a good-looking woman of about thirty.
 - c had a son and a daughter who died in a plane crash.
 - d was the manager of the hotel.
 - e danced with Ruby Keene and was the last to see her alive.
 - f married Mr Jefferson's daughter.
 - g was a tennis professional.

- 4 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

clear	sad
ordinary	boring
exciting	rude
awful	special
cheerful	complicated
well-behaved	wonderful

Chapters 5–6

- 5 Make a word with the underlined letters.
 - a Mr Jefferson said that Mark and Adelaide weren't really his mfylia
 - b Superintendent Harper thought that Ruby had a rbonideyf
 - c The police searched for pigifntnsrer in Ruby's room.
 - d Raymond Starr was a very urlpoap man in the hotel.
 - e Mr Jefferson was planning to ayllegl adopt Ruby Keene.
 - f Sir Henry thought he renesidogc someone in the Majestic Hotel.
- 6 Finish the sentences.
 - a Peter Carmody wanted to tell his friends that he knew
 - b Mr Jefferson had lost his family but he had made
 - c George Bartlett said that he couldn't
 - d Raymond Starr said it was brave of Josie to dance with him because
 - e A policeman said a burnt-out car had been found and there were signs of
 - f Sir Henry said that there was someone in the hotel who was

Chapters 7–8

- 7 What happened first? Number the sentences, 1–6.
 - a Sir Henry said that a burnt-out car had been found in a quarry.
 - b Doctor Haydock repeated that Ruby hadn't been killed after midnight.
 - c Mark Gaskell said he wanted Ruby dead.
 - d Peter Carmody said he had Ruby's fingernail.

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- e Colonel Melchett realised the police couldn't make a case against anybody.
- f Superintendent Harper told Mr and Mrs Reeves some bad news.

8 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a The police doctor said that at midnight Ruby Keene was alive.
- b Mrs Bantry thought that Raymond Starr was boring.
- c Mrs Bantry thought the dead girl's nails were quite pretty.
- d The police found a jacket from a Girl Guide's uniform.
- e Mr Gaskell and Adelaide Jefferson were quite rich.
- f Colonel Melchett thought Basil Blake was very polite.

Chapters 9–10

9 Find words in Chapters 9–10.

- a Similar to 'strange'. (p. 60)
- b Strong advice to do or not do something. (p. 62)
- c A route between two places, normally in the countryside or a garden. (p. 65)
- d You throw things you don't want in it. (p. 66)
- e Similar to 'boring'. (p. 68)
- f In a pleasant way. (p. 69)
- g To have very little colour. (p. 70)
- h To have very little knowledge of the world. (p. 71)

10 Put these words into the right sentences.

- sticks experience powerful marry women proud
- a Conway Jefferson had very arms.
 - b Adelaide Jefferson said that Hugo McLean wanted to her.
 - c Mark Gaskell was interested in
 - d Doctor Metcalf said that Conway Jefferson could move around on
 - e Miss Marple had a lot of talking to young girls.
 - f Edwards said that Conway Jefferson was a very man.

Chapters 11–12

11 Make a word with the underlined letters.

- a Florence Small thought it was her utalf that Pamela Reeves was dead.
- b Miss Marple said that people were shocked by rumnadier couples living together.
- c Basil Blake had gone into a ribngun house and saved four children.
- d Josie and Mark were keeping their ragamrie a secret.
- e Mark Gaskell nadeltsrg Pamela Reeves on the hearthrug.
- f Josie and Mark wanted Basil Blake to be found lugiyt of murder.
- g Raymond Starr had taken a lot of uteborl finding out about the Devonshire Starr family.

12 Answer the questions.

- a Who was Superintendent Harper interviewing in the Danemouth police station?
- b How did Miss Marple know that Florence Small was lying?
- c What was the name of the vicar's pretty wife?
- d When did Basil Blake arrive home from the party?
- e Where did someone try to kill Conway Jefferson?
- f How did Miss Marple know the dead girl in the library wasn't Ruby Keene?
- g Who killed Ruby Keene?
- h Why did Adelaide Jefferson tell Conway Jefferson that he was wonderful?

13 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

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| brave | pleased |
| hard | calm |
| annoyed | cowardly |
| pushed | upstairs |
| hide | pulled |
| downstairs | soft |
| anxious | show |

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1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The body in the library was discovered at night.
- b Colonel Bantry only believed there was a dead body in the library when the butler told him about it.
- c Conway Jefferson reported that Ruby Keene was missing.
- d George Bartlett knew Ruby Keene very well.
- e The police found Basil Blake's fingerprints in Ruby's room.
- f Conway Jefferson and Sir Henry Clithering were old friends.
- g Ruby had a special boyfriend.
- h Miss Marple wrote detective stories.

2 What happened first in the book? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a Peter Carmody showed Miss Marple a fingernail.
- b Dr Haydock said the girl had died between ten and midnight.
- c Miss Marple talked to some Girl Guides.
- d Mrs Bantry asked Miss Marple to come to Gossington Hall.
- e Conway Jefferson told Mark and Adelaide he was giving his money to a home for dancers.
- f Dinah Lee had an argument with Basil Blake.
- g The police examined a burnt-out car.
- h Josie Turner identified the body as Ruby Keene.
- i Adelaide told Conway Jefferson that she was going to marry Hugo McLean.
- j Edwards told Sir Clithering about a photo in Ruby's bag.

3 Write the names to finish the sentences.

- Conway Jefferson Mrs Bantry Raymond Starr
 Adelaide Jefferson Constable Palk
 Colonel Melchett Josie Turner George Bartlett
 Mark Gaskell Basil Blake
- a told Miss Marple about the body.
 - b was the village policeman.
 - c had lots of parties at his house.
 - d suggested that Ruby should get a job at the hotel.
 - e interviewed the manager of the Majestic Hotel.
 - f was a lonely old man who liked young people.

- g owned a Minoan I4.
- h 's first husband had died soon after she married him.
- i 's wife was Conway Jefferson's daughter.
- j said he wasn't good at anything except dancing and playing tennis.

4 Circle the right word or words.

- a Mrs Bantry was in the *bedroom / kitchen* when she heard about the body.
- b Miss Marple was *single / married*.
- c When Basil Blake bought the cottage, the people were very *annoyed / excited*.
- d Josie Turner said that Ruby Keene was not very *pretty / very intelligent*.
- e Hugo McLean was Adelaide Jefferson's *friend / brother-in-law*.
- f Ruby Keene was *alive / dead* when she was put in the car.
- g Miss Marple said there was something wrong with the *shoes / dress* of the dead girl.
- h Raymond Starr said his grandmother came from *France / Argentina*.
- i Edwards said that he had been with Mr Jefferson for a number of *months / years*.
- j Miss Marple said that Basil Blake *put / strangled* Ruby Keene in the library.

5 Write the name of a place to finish the sentences.

- Danemouth Somerset House Devon
 Danebury Head Hotel Venn's quarry
 Much Benham Lemville Studios vicarage
 Danebury Hill St Mary Mead
- a Raymond Starr said his family had lived in for hundreds of years.
 - b Dinah Lee asked Miss Marple if she had been to to find out about her marriage.
 - c Gossington Hall was in.....
 - d Basil Blake worked at
 - e Hugo McLean stayed in the
 - f Colonel Bantry had been to a political meeting in
 - g Miss Marple met Griselda in the
 - h Pamela Reeves was last seen at a Girl Guide meeting on
 - i Ruby Keene's body was destroyed at
 - j The Majestic Hotel was in