The Body in the Library

Book key

1.1 Open answers (crime, mystery)
1.2.1 Open answers (a Colonel Bantry b Miss Marple c Basil Blake d Constable Palk)
1.2.2 Open answers (Miss Marple)
1.2.3 Open answers (Gossington Hall)
2.1 1 Wrong: Colonel Bantry lives in a big house/ Gossington Hall.
    2 Right
    3 Wrong: Constable Palk is the village policeman.
    4 Wrong: Basil Blake works on the background scenery for films.
2.2 1 crime 2 blonde 3 heathrug 4 library
    5 strangled 6 Colonel 7 married
2.3 1 had been bought 2 had been murdered
    3 had been found 4 had been bitten
    5 had been shut 6 had been left
2.4 Possible answers:
   1 What is her name?
   2 Where did she live?
   3 How old was she?
   4 What was her job?
   5 Where did she work?
3.1 Age: 17 or 18
   Colour of hair and eyes: blonde, blue
   Job and place of work: dancer, the Majestic Hotel
   Relationship to Josephine Turner: relative/cousin
   Time of death: between 10 p.m. and midnight
3.2 Checked missing persons list. Three local women missing.
   1 Mrs Saunders, missing for one week
   2 Mrs Barnard – sixty-five years old
   3 Pamela Reeves – Girl Guide, dark brown hair
   Drove to Danemouth. Visited the Majestic Hotel and interviewed the hotel manager. Met Miss
   Josephine Turner, cousin of the murdered girl.
   Drove Miss Turner back to police station at Much Benham for interview.
3.3 1 had sat 2 had arranged 3 had finished
    4 had danced 5 had gone 6 had talked
    7 had been 8 had telephoned
3.4.1 a George Bartlett, Colonel Melchett and Superintendent Harper
    b Open answers (‘I can’t find my car.’)

3.4.2 Open answers
   a Miss Marple
   b To solve the crime. To find Ruby Keene’s murderer.
4.1 a 3 Bartlett talks to Melchett and Harper.
    b 1 Bartlett puts his car in the hotel car park.
    c 4 A burnt-out car is found in a quarry.
    d 2 Bartlett can’t find his car.
4.2 1 Conway Jefferson was planning to adopt Ruby Keene.
    2 The Minoan 14 is a very popular car.
    3 Ruby’s pink dancing dress is on a chair in her room.
    4 Raymond Starr is very good-looking.
    5 Adelaide Jefferson is having tennis lessons.
    6 A workman telephoned the police about a burnt-out car.
    7 Sir Henry thinks he has seen someone he recognised.
4.3 1 must 2 might 3 might 4 must 5 must 6 might
4.4.1 Open answers (a Peter Carmody b Ruby Keene’s c He wants to take the fingernail to school and show his friends.)
4.4.2 Open answers
   a A person in the burnt-out car in the quarry
   b It has been burned.
4.4.3 Open answers
   a Harper and the parents of the murdered girl.
   b ‘Poor girl! I’m going to find her murderer.’
5.1 1 burnt-out 2 dead 3 petrol 4 button
    5 uniform 6 missing
5.2 1 a GB b MG c RS d BB e AJ
    2 a AJ b MG c BB d RS
    3 GB
    4 a AJ b MG
    5 a GB b RS c BB
5.3 1 bought, would choose 2 met, would marry
    3 fell, hurt, would lose 4 would become, played
    5 would be, found
5.4 Open answers (a Miss Marple)
6.1 1 Open answers
    a X b X c ✓ d X e ✓ f X g X
    h X
6.2 1 RS 2 CJ 3 CJ 4 E 5 RK 6 CJ
    7 RK, RS 8 E
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6.3 1 Dr Metcalf told Harper that Conway Jefferson was very strong.
2 Mark Gaskell told Sir Henry that perhaps Ruby went (/had gone) to meet a boyfriend.
3 Miss Marple told Mrs Bantry that there was (/had been) something wrong with Ruby's dress.
4 Sir Henry told Hugo McLean that Raymond Starr's family used to be rich.
5 Edwards told Sir Henry that there was (/had been) a photo of a young man in Ruby's bag.

6.4.1 Possible answers:
a When did you last see Pamela?
b Where was she going?
c Was she alone?
d What did she say to you?
e Was she going to meet someone?

6.4.2 Open answers
Talk about it Open answers
Write about it Open answers
Project Open answers

Discussion activities key
1 Open answers
2 Woman, young, good-looking, strangled, stranger.
3–6 Open answers
7 Suggested answers: DNA information, age, pieces of clothes or skin. It depends on the other things that are known about the crime and the criminal. They look for fingerprints, talk to witnesses, check bank and phone details, investigate the recent movements of anybody related with the crime.
8 Suggested answers: Mark Gaskell (nasty, attractive), Adelaie Jefferson (nice, kind, attractive), Basil Blake (nervous, stupid), George Bartlett (stupid, boring), Raymond Starr (attractive), Josie Turner (nervous).
9 Open answers
10 Suggested answers: Parts of the body: arms, hands, eyes, shoulders, face, heart, fingernail. Family members: wife, husband, father, grandson, father-in-law, cousin, daughter, son, grandmother. Colours: brown, grey. Time expressions: minutes, years, month, moment, forever, very soon, long time, at once, the past. Something found in a house or garden: curtains, bell, terrace, room, door, cupboard, wastepaper basket, path, photo, bag, library. Clothes: dress, trousers.
11–13 Open answers

Activity worksheets key
1 a footsteps b upset c silly d be fond of e rudely f finding out
2 a Who told Mrs Bantry about the dead body? b What was the dead girl wearing? c Why did the dead girl remind Miss Marple of someone? d What time does the butler usually shut/close the library? e How did Colonel Melchett get/go to the cottage? f What did Dinah Lee look like?
3 a Ruby Keene b Josie Turner c Conway Jefferson d Mr Prescott e George Bartlett f Mark Gaskell g Raymond Starr
4 clear–complicated ordinary–special exciting–boring awful–wonderful cheerful–sad well behaved–rude
5 a family b boyfriend c fingerprints d popular e legally f recognised
6 a the murdered girl really well. b a lot of money. c find his car. d it hurt her foot. e a burnt body inside. f very good at solving murders.
7 a 3 b 5 c 1 d 2 e 6 f 4
8 a alive > dead b boring > good-looking c pretty > short d jacket > button e rich > poor f polite > rude
9 a odd b warning c path d wastepaper basket e dull f sweetly g pale h innocent/inexperienced
10 a powerful b marry c women d sticks e experience f proud
11 a fault b unmarried c burning d marriage e strangled f guilty g trouble
12 a Five Girl Guides. b Because she began to relax too quickly. c Griselda. d At about two in the morning. e In his room.
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f  Because the body had bitten nails.
g  Josie Turner.
h  Because he was going to give her ten thousand pounds and the rest of his money to her son.

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

Progress test key
1  a  X  b  ✓  c  ✓  d  X  e  ✓  f  ✓  g  X  h  X
2  a  5  b  3  c  8  d  1  e  9  f  2  g  6  h  4  i  10
   j  7
3  a  Mrs Bantry  b  Constable Palk
c  Basil Blake  d  Josie Turner
e  Colonel Melchett  f  Conway Jefferson
g  George Bartlett  h  Adelaide Jefferson
i  Mark Gaskell  j  Raymond Starr
4  a  bedroom  b  single  c  excited  d  very intelligent
e  friend  f  dead  g  dress  h  Argentina  i  years
   j  put
5  a  Devon  b  Somerset House  c  St Mary Mead
d  Lemville Studios  e  Danebury Head
f  Much Benham  g  vicarage  h  Danebury Hill
i  Venn's quarry  j  Danemouth