The Mirror Crack’d from Side to Side

Book key

1–2 Open answers (2 The title of the book comes from the poem The Lady of Shalott)

3 a development  b sneezing  c inspector  
           d nodded  e cracked  f inquest  g chicken-pox  
           h blackmail  i butler  j overdose

4 a Ella Zielinsky  b Mrs Bantry  
           c Heather Badcock  d Marina Gregg  
           e Miss Marple  f Cherry Baker  
           g Miss Knight  h Alison Wilde

5 a Miss Knight is employed by Miss Marple’s nephew Raymond. She lives in Miss Marple’s house and looks after her. She treats Miss Marple like a rather slow child. Miss Marple knows that Miss Knight is kind and wants to be helpful, but she finds her very annoying.

b Heather and Arthur Badcock are husband and wife. Heather is very bossy and a much stronger character than Arthur. Arthur does what Heather tells him. He admires her because she always gets what she wants.

c Miss Marple and Dolly Bantry have been good friends for many years. They often phone each other and have coffee and tea together. Dolly Bantry admires Miss Marple’s ability as a detective. She sometimes gives her useful information.

b Dr Haydock has been Miss Marple’s doctor for a long time. They are good friends. Dr Haydock understands Miss Marple. He knows that she isn’t like an ordinary old lady. He knows that she is very clever and needs to keep her brain active. Miss Marple listens to his advice, but doesn’t always follow it.

d Marina Gregg and Jason Rudd are husband and wife. They have a happy marriage. Jason Rudd is completely in love with his wife. He will do anything to make her happy. Marina Gregg is very happy in Jason’s love, and feels protected and safe.

6–7 Open answers

8 a Heather Badcock thinks that Marina Gregg is lovely and a wonderful actress. She has met her before, at a garden party in Bermuda.

b Mrs Bantry thinks she is lovely – very natural and unspoiled. But she says that Marina has had a sad life. She had a child with brain damage. This caused her to have a nervous breakdown and take drugs.

c Jason Rudd is completely in love with Marina and wants her to be happy.

d Ella Zielinsky thinks that Marina is difficult to take care of. According to Ella, Marina Gregg doesn’t have much contact with the real world.

9 a NO  b YES  c YES  d YES  e NO  f YES  
           g YES  h NO

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

11 a 4  b 5  c 6  d 2  e 7  f 1  g 3

12 a Heather Badcock’s cocktail was spilled and Marina Gregg gave her own cocktail to Heather. After Heather drank this cocktail, she died.

b Mrs Bantry sees a strange frozen look on Marina Gregg’s face and is reminded of the beautiful lady in The Lady of Shalott. The lady in this poem realises something terrible is going to happen.

c The Italian painting is a picture of a laughing Madonna and child. It is at the top of the stairs. Marina Gregg seems to be looking at it when she gets the strange frozen look on her face. Inspector Craddock wonders if the picture has caused this look.

d Alison Wilde is a woman whom Miss Marple once knew. Heather Badcock reminds her of Alison Wilde. Like Heather, Alison Wilde thought only of herself and didn’t notice the effects of her actions on other people. Like Heather, she died.

e The inquest proves that Heather Badcock died from an overdose of the drug Calmo, a drug used mainly in America. People take Calmo to feel calm and relaxed. Marina Gregg, Hailey Preston and Ella Zielinsky all take Calmo.

f Marina Gregg’s only child was born with brain damage. This was a terrible shock for Marina. As a result, she had a nervous breakdown and was ill for a long time.

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- a Inspector Craddock / Marina Gregg
- b Mrs Bantry / Ella Zielinsky
- c Inspector Craddock / Lola Brewster
- d Inspector Craddock / Ardwyck Fenn
- e Margot Bence / Inspector Craddock
- f Cherry Baker / Gladys Dixon
- g Ella Zielinsky / Jason Rudd

17 Open answers

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- a False. Jason Rudd threw some of the poisoned coffee down the sink.
- b False. Ella Zielinsky suffers from hay fever.
- c True.
- d False. Giuseppe said he was going to London to visit a sick relative.
- e True.
- f True.
- g False. Ardwyck Fenn suspects that Ella Zielinsky was trying to blackmail him.
- h True.
- i False. Miss Knight tells Miss Marple about Giuseppe’s death.

19–20 Open answers

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- a Gladys Dixon
- b Jason Rudd
- c Marina Gregg
- d Ella Zielinsky
- e Miss Marple
- f Giuseppe
- g Miss Knight
- h Inspector Craddock

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- a Gladys Dixon saw the intentional spilling of the cocktail on Heather Badcock’s dress. She didn’t know why someone wanted to ruin Heather’s new dress.
- b Marina Gregg refused to drink a cup of coffee because she said she was afraid it was poisoned. When the coffee was examined, it did contain poison.
- c Marina Gregg first met Heather Badcock at a garden party in Bermuda. Many years later, she met her again at the fête in St Mary Mead. Both of these meetings had a terrible effect on Marina’s life.
- d Marina caught German measles at the garden party in Bermuda. As a result, her child was born with brain damage.
- e Arthur Badcock’s real name was Alfred Beadle.
- f The Lady of Shalott in the poem is like Marina Gregg. The lady is beautiful but cursed. An event takes place which she knows will have terrible results.

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- a Miss Marple really doesn’t want Miss Knight to live with her any more. Two things happen to solve this problem: Miss Knight gets an offer of work from her old employer, and Cherry Baker offers to live with Miss Marple.
- b Cherry Baker’s neighbour complains that Cherry and her husband play music too loudly. The solution to this problem is for Cherry and her husband to live with Miss Marple.
- c Arthur Badcock is being questioned by the police as a murder suspect. His problem is solved when the police learn about Marina Gregg during Jason Rudd’s conversation with Miss Marple and Inspector Craddock.
- d Jason Rudd’s problem is that he loves his wife very much but he is afraid that he can’t protect her now. His problem is solved by her death. She is then safe from everyone, and at peace.

25–35 Open answers
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Discussion activities key
1 Open answers
2 bathroom, windows, swimming pool, study, library, music room, glass, front door, bell, tea table, chair, fireplace, curtain, cup, phone
3 Open answers
4 Craddock: Where were you talking to Mrs Badcock? Marina: At the top of the stairs. C: And what did she say to you? M: I wasn’t really listening. Something about Bermuda. C: Did you think she was unwell? M: No, not really. She looked fine. C: You gave her your drink and then what happened?
5 Open answers
6 Heather Badcock was wearing a lot of make-up when she met Marina in Bermuda. Cherry was singing one of the popular songs. Arthur Badcock’s house had a blue-painted gate. Mrs Badcock took six times the normal amount of Calmo. Mrs Bantry lived in the cottage by Gossington Hall. The girl from London had a large camera. The were bottles of Calmo in most of the bathrooms. Marina adopted three children.
7 Open answers
8 She is the adopted daughter of Marina. She gives him a photo of Marina. She is poisoned. He is shot.
9 Example questions: Do you work outside? Is your job dangerous? Do you work in an office? Do you earn a lot of money? Do you wear uniform? Do you work with other people? Do you work with computers? Is your job difficult?
10 Possible answers: burglary, fraud, arson, bribery, blackmail, assault, forgery, drug trafficking, manslaughter, mugging, shoplifting
11 Open answers
12 Student A: Not long after the murder of a woman, Gossington Hall is again the centre of police investigations. Student B: Yes, Ella Zielinsky the secretary of Jason Rudd, died after inhaling a poisoned container. A: And the Italian butler was shot in the back after returning from a trip to London. B: The police have no clues but we believe the secretary was in love with her employer and …
13 Open answers
14 Miss Marple: I shall be OK without you, I promise. Miss Knight: But I can’t leave you alone. You can’t do a lot of things for yourself. MM: Listen, I don’t like being treated like a child. I’m old but my mind is perfectly fine. MK: What if something happened to you? I would feel terrible. MM: Nothing is going to happen to me. Also, do you realise you can be very annoying?
15 Answers: a Miss Knight. b Mrs Badcock. c Marina Gregg. d Mrs Bantry. e Chief Inspector Craddock. f Jason Rudd. g Ardwyck Fenn. h Miss Marple. i Cherry Baker. j Dr Gilchrist.

Activity worksheets key
1 a X b ✓ c X d ✓ e ✓ f X g X
2 a heavy b down c living d like e saw f many g to
3 a 2 b 5 c 4 d 6 e 1 f 3
4 a stare b overdose c anxious d annoying e cupboard f willing g jealous
5 a Heather Badcock b Mr Badcock c Mrs Bantry d Detective-Inspector Cornish e Dr Gilchrist f Jason Rudd g Ella Zielinsky
6 a Marina’s eyes seemed to be fixed on the wall. b Cherry was singing a recent popular song. c Heather had never taken drugs in her life. d Mr Badcock was friendly with his neighbour. e Marina thought the poison was meant for her. f Jason didn’t want to tell his wife anything. g Many people were jealous of Marina’s success.
7 a adopted b gardener c frightened d suitable e recognise f blackmail g container
8 a water > sherry b fourth > third c blonde > black d wine > coffee e intelligent > handsome f cough > sneeze g accidentally > intentionally
9  a  She was a film star/actress.
b  She found it on her bed.
c  She was in her garden.
d  Lola Brewster.
e  He said he was going to kill Marina’s son.
f  A book.
g  Because he heard her sneeze.

10  human – nature
garden – path
back – door
heart – attack
public phone – box
chief – suspect
vacuum – cleaner
brain – damaged

11  a  odd  b  shock  c  religious  d  terrible  e  proud
f  afraid  g  innocent

12  a  well written  b  hundred  c  killed
d  Development  e  surprised  f  poem

Progress test key
1  a  Mrs Bantry  b  Heather Badcock
c  Jason Rudd  d  Inspector Craddock
e  Ella Zielinski  f  Ardwynck Fenn
g  Margot Bence  h  Giuseppe i  Cherry Baker
j  Miss Knight
2  a  2  b  4  c  10  d  7  e  1  f  8  g  9  h  6
i  3  j  5
3  a  X  b  ✓  c  X  d  X  e  ✓  f  ✓  g  X  h  ✓
i  ✓
4  a  In the Development.
b  At the top of the stairs.
c  In the bathroom in the Hall.
d  She was from London.
e  She borrowed them from the hairdressers.
f  In the Hall.
g  In the café in the film studios.
h  She sent her to Bournemouth.
i  In America.
5  a  human  b  secret  c  world  d  curse  e  heart
f  neighbours