Session 2

The Inspector continues to work out who stole the ring and asks lots of questions. Find out how you can form your own subject-object questions along the way.

Activity 1

"A very, very difficult case"

Episode 2: The Ring

Inspector Stone's is going to have to work hard to work out who took the ring. What were the suspects doing when the ring went missing? Practise listening for specific information and listen out for the Inspector asking these questions:

Which guest saw the ring last?

When did you last see the ring?

Which flowers was she arranging?

Who bought the flowers?

Who took the ring out of the box?

What did the bride see?

Who did I trust?

These are examples of subject and object questions which we will explain afterwards.

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Did you notice the subject questions the Inspector used?

In subject questions, the question word **who** or **what** refers to the person or thing that is doing the verb word. We can also use **which** plus a noun. He asked 'which guest saw the ring last?' but in 'what did the bride see?' and 'who can I trust?' the question words 'what' or 'who' are the object of the verb, so we call these **object questions**.

We can also use **which** plus a noun. He asked 'which flowers was she arranging?' Watch again and find the other subject and object questions. Here's a clue: subject questions never use auxiliaries like 'does', 'do', or 'did'.

To do

The Inspector needs help writing questions for his investigations. Can you write questions using the words? Make sure you only choose one question word!

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Next

Inspector Stone has been asking a lot of questions and in the next activity he's going to need your help in asking some more. Are you up for the challenge? Yes? Then go to the next page.