# Lesson 53: Hot

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What caused the fire?

At last, firemen have put out a big forest fire in California.

Since then, they have been trying to find out how the fire began.

Forest fires are often caused by broken glass or by cigarette ends that people carelessly throw away.

Yesterday, the firemen examined the ground carefully but were not able to find any broken glass.

They were also quite sure that a cigarette end did not start the fire.

The explanation was very unusual.

Morning, however, a fireman accidentally discovered the cause.

He noticed the remains of a snake that was wound around the electric wires of a 16,000-volt power line.

In this way, he was able to solve the mystery.

The explanation was simple but very unusual.

A bird had snatched up the snake from the ground and then dropped it onto the wires.

The snake then wound itself around the wires. When it did so, it sent sparks down to the ground, and these immediately started a fire.

Now that firemen have put out a big forest fire in California, they have been trying to discover its cause.

There was no evidence that it was started by broken glass or a cigarette end.

However, a fireman has just solved the mystery.

He noticed the remains of a snake that had been dropped by a bird onto some electric wires.

In winding itself round the wires, the snake had sent sparks to the ground, and this caused the fire.

I was smoking in bed when I went to sleep.

Suddenly, I woke up because the sheet was burning.

I jumped up to put the fire out, but there was already a big hole in the sheet.

I stayed at this hotel five years ago.

Have you ever stayed at this hotel?

I have been staying at this hotel for three weeks.

Jack looked at his watch for the twentieth time.

Suddenly, Jill arrived.

“I have,” I answered.

“I've been waiting for over an hour," he said angrily.

“You never come on time."

“Oh, is that so?" Jill answered.

“ Were you here at 2.30?"

Jack went red.

“I got here five minutes late myself, but you weren't here."

“I came here at exactly 2.30," Jill said, ‘and I waited for five minutes, but you didn't come.

“What have you been doing since then?" Jack asked, "I've just been to the hairdresser's." Jill answered brightly.

Forest fires are often caused by cigarette ends that people carelessly throw away.

He threw the ball to me, and I caught it.

The boy threw a stone at the window and broke it.

They were also quite sure that a cigarette end did not start the fire.

The class kept very quiet during the lesson.

A fireman discovered the cause of the fire.

What caused the fire?

That is the reason why he left.

I reasoned with him for hours, but I couldn't persuade him to change his mind.

A bird had dropped the snake onto the wires.

He fell down the stairs and broke his leg.

Firemen examined the ground carefully because they wanted to find out what had caused the fire.

The fire had been caused by a snake that had been dropped onto the wires by a bird.

The firemen have been examining the ground since yesterday.

Broken glass often causes fires.

They were quite sure it wasn't a cigarette end.

They were completely certain.

He was able to solve the mystery.

He succeeded in solving it.

The bird had snatched the snake from the ground.

The snake had been on the ground.

Firemen have put out the fire.

They have extinguished it.

Firemen discovered the cause this morning.

They discovered the cause of the fire accidentally.

They discovered it by chance.

In this way, he was able to solve the mystery.

That's how he did it.

The bird had snatched up the snake from the ground.

It had seized it.

When it did so, it sent sparks down to the ground.