

Editor's Note: The passages below comprise four more instalments about Detective John. The first four instalments were published in the May issue of 'The English Teacher' while the last four will appear in the December issue. Ann Ward, one of the British teachers currently teaching in Malaysian Lower Secondary Schools, wrote the series to meet the need for simpler reading materials for her students. The passages are intended to exemplify one or more teaching points from the LSES, with the accompanying exercises providing plenty of language practice. The language structures are limited and the vocabulary level low, making the passages ideal for many lower secondary students. The passages also exemplify the type of teacher-written 'stories' Christine Nuttall discusses in her article on listening.

THE ADVENTURES OF DETECTIVE JOHN: PART 5

Mr. X is one of the most dangerous criminals in the world. He is very rich and always wears black clothes.

John took the aeroplane to Paris because he wanted to catch Mr. X. He went to a hotel because the maid was staying there. She was staying in room 301. John knocked on the door. Nobody answered. John opened the door. The maid was lying on the floor. Somebody had tied her hands behind her back. John set her free.

John : Who tied you up?

Maid : Two men.

John : *Why did they tie you up?*

Maid : *Because they wanted the jewels.* They tied me up and took the jewels.

John : Did you know the men?

Maid : They were Mr. X's men.

John : Where did they go?

Maid : They went to the airport. I think they had a car.

John : Come with me. We will take a taxi to the airport. Perhaps we will find the men there.

Answer the questions:

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| 1. Why did John take the plane to Paris? | 3. Why was the maid lying on the floor? |
| 2. Why did he go to a hotel? | 4. Why did John take a taxi? |

Fill in the gaps:

Two men . . . the maid's hands behind her back and . . . her lying on the The men were . . . 's men and they wanted the John and the maid . . . a taxi to the . . .

Change to the past tense:

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| 1. John <i>takes</i> the aeroplane to Paris. | 5. Nobody <i>answers</i> . |
| 2. He <i>wants</i> to catch Mr. X. | 6. John <i>opens</i> the door. |
| 3. He <i>goes</i> to a hotel. | 7. John <i>sets</i> her free. |
| 4. John <i>knocks</i> on the door. | 8. Two men <i>tie</i> her up. |

Answer the questions:

1. Who is one of the most dangerous criminals in the world?
2. Who is very rich?
3. Who took the aeroplane to Paris?
4. Who was staying in room 301?
5. Who was lying on the floor?
6. Who tied the maid up?
7. Who will take a taxi to the airport?

Scrambled words:

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THE ADVENTURES OF DETECTIVE JOHN: PART 6

John and the maid drove to the airport in a taxi. John asked the taxi driver to drive quickly.

When they got to the airport, they saw the two men. The two men were taking an aeroplane to Hong Kong. John tried to stop the men but he was too late. So he telephoned his chief.

Chief told him he should take the next plane to Hong Kong. He said John should send the maid to London. He said John should try to find Mr. X in Hong Kong. He told John he should talk to Inspector Chen of the Hong Kong police.

This is what John asked his chief:

- John : The two men have gone to Hong Kong. What should I do?
Chief : You should take
John : The maid is here with me. What should I do about the maid?
Chief : You should send
John : What should I do in Hong Kong?
Chief : You should
John : And who should I talk to?
Chief : You should

Fill in the gaps:

John and the maid went to the . . . by The driver drove They saw the two . . . at the airport. The men were going to telephoned his

Change to the past tense:

1. They *drive* to the airport.
2. They *get* to the airport.
3. They *see* the two men.
4. John *tries* to follow them.
5. He *is* too late.
6. He *telephones* his chief.
7. His chief *tells* him what to do.
8. He *says* John should send the maid to London.

Put in the pronouns:

Example: She is *Gloria's* maid. She is *her* maid.

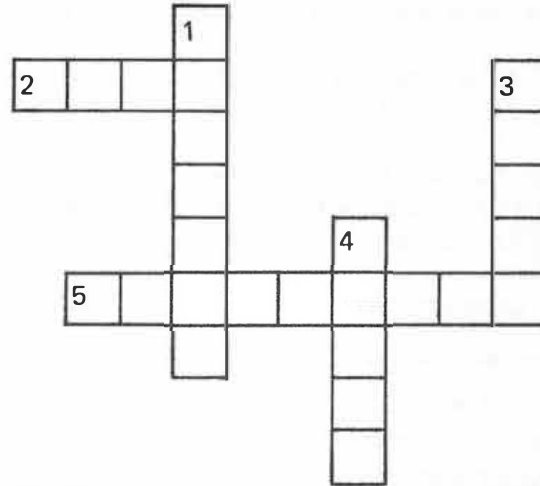
1. They are *Mr. X's* men.
2. He is *John's* chief.
3. These are *the men's* tickets.

Answer the questions:

1. Who drove to the airport in a taxi?
2. Who drove quickly?
3. Who did they see at the airport?
4. Where were the two men going?
5. Did John catch the men at the airport?
6. Who did John telephone?
7. Where should John send the maid?
8. Who should John try to find?
9. Where should he try to find him?
10. Who should John talk to?

Crossword:

1. The taxi driver drove
2. John went to the airport by
3. John can . . . a car.
4. John spoke to his
5. He spoke on the



THE ADVENTURES OF DETECTIVE JOHN: PART 7

Detective John arrived in Hong Kong. Before he left the airport he telephoned Inspector Chen. Inspector Chen asked John to meet him at his office. He had some news about Mr. X. Inspector Chen showed John some photographs.

- Insp. Chen : One of my men took this photograph of Mr. X's men while they were getting into a car at the airport.
- John : Those are the men! And there is the case with the jewels!
- Insp. Chen : Another of my men followed them. Before they got into their car they made a telephone call. After leaving the airport, they drove to a big house on top of a mountain.
- John : And after that?
- Insp. Chen : They went inside. We think they are still there.
- John : I must go there! I must try to catch Mr. X with the jewels!
- Insp. Chen : But remember! You must be careful! Mr. X has many men. Some of them have guns and others are experts at kung fu. I will come with you.
- John : Thank you for your help, Inspector. Let's go!

Do this exercise:

Example: Before he left the airport, he telephoned Inspector Chen.
Before leaving the airport, he telephoned Inspector Chen.

1. After he telephoned Inspector Chen, he went to his office.
2. After he arrived at the office, he looked at some photographs.
3. Before they got into their car, the men made a telephone call.
4. After they left the airport, they drove to a big house.
5. After they drove to the house, they went inside.

Change to the past tense:

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| 1. Detective John <i>arrives</i> in Hong Kong. | 6. He <i>shows</i> John some photographs. |
| 2. He <i>leaves</i> the airport. | 7. Another man <i>follows</i> them. |
| 3. He <i>telephones</i> Inspector Chen. | 8. They <i>get</i> into their car. |
| 4. Inspector Chen <i>asks</i> John to meet him. | 9. They <i>drive</i> to a big house. |
| 5. He <i>has</i> some news. | 10. They <i>go</i> inside. |

Put the sentences in the correct order:

They made a telephone call. They drove to a big house. They went inside. Mr. X's men arrived in Hong Kong. They got into their car.

John asked Inspector Chen some questions:

John : Tell me again what happened, Inspector. What did the men do before they made a telephone call?

Chen : Before they made a telephone call, they

John : And what did they do after they left the airport?

Chen :

John : And what did they do after they drove to the big house?

Chen :

THE ADVENTURES OF DETECTIVE JOHN: PART 8

John drove to the big house on top of the mountain. Inspector Chen went with him. John went into the house alone. While he was in the house, Inspector Chen was waiting outside. The house was dark and very quiet. While John was searching the dining room, he heard a noise upstairs. He went up quickly and quietly. One of the doors was open. He went inside. The jewel case was lying on a table near the window.

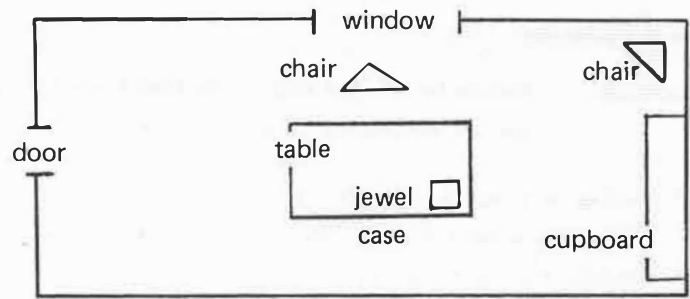
John went towards the table. He heard somebody behind him. He started to turn round but he was too late. He felt a blow on the back of his head, then everything went black and he fell to the floor.

Change to the past tense:

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| 1. John <i>drives</i> to the big house. | 4. He <i>feels</i> a blow. |
| 2. He <i>hears</i> a noise. | 5. He <i>falls</i> to the floor. |
| 3. He <i>starts</i> to turn round. | |

Describe the room.

1. There was a table near the window.
2. jewel case - on - table
3. two chairs - in - room
4. cupboard - opposite - door
5. chair - next to - cupboard



Complete these sentences:

1. While John was in the house, Inspector Chen was waiting outside.
2. While John was searching the dining room, he heard
3. While John was going towards the table, he heard
4. While John was turning round, he felt
5. While John was turning round, somebody

Fill in the blanks:

. . . John got to the big . . . , he . . . inside. Inspector Chen stayed searched the . . . first.
. . . he heard a . . . he went

Find in the story the opposites of these words:

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| 1. early | 2. closed | 3. small | 4. inside |
| 5. front | 6. noisy | 7. light | |

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