



# The Body in the Library

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## While reading

### Chapters 1–2

#### 1 Find words in Chapters 1–2.

- a The sound or mark people make when walking. (p. 2) .....
- b To feel depressed or sad. (p. 3) .....
- c Similar to 'stupid'. (p. 6) .....
- d To like someone or something very much. (p. 10) .....
- e Badly or impolitely. (p. 12) .....
- f Discovering a fact or information. (p. 13) .....

#### 2 Write questions for the answers.

- a Who / Mrs Bantry / body?  
.....  
The maid, Mary.
- b What / the dead girl?  
.....  
A white evening dress and silver shoes.
- c Why / dead girl / Miss Marple / someone?  
.....  
She bit her nails and her front teeth stuck out.
- d What / butler / usually / library?  
.....  
At about seven-thirty.
- e How / Colonel Melchett / cottage?  
.....  
In a police car.
- f Dinah Lee / look?  
.....  
She had blonde hair and bright red lips.

### Chapters 3–4

#### 3 Write the names to finish the sentences.

- Mr Prescott   Mark Gaskell   Ruby Keene  
Josie Turner   Conway Jefferson  
Raymond Starr   George Bartlett
- a ..... was eighteen, had blond hair and blue eyes.
  - b ..... was a good-looking woman of about thirty.
  - c ..... had a son and a daughter who died in a plane crash.
  - d ..... was the manager of the hotel.
  - e ..... danced with Ruby Keene and was the last to see her alive.
  - f ..... married Mr Jefferson's daughter.
  - g ..... was a tennis professional.

#### 4 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| clear        | sad         |
| ordinary     | boring      |
| exciting     | rude        |
| awful        | special     |
| cheerful     | complicated |
| well-behaved | wonderful   |

### Chapters 5–6

#### 5 Make a word with the underlined letters.

- a Mr Jefferson said that Mark and Adelaide weren't really his mfylia .....
- b Superintendent Harper thought that Ruby had a rbonideyf .....
- c The police searched for pigifntnsrer ..... in Ruby's room.
- d Raymond Starr was a very urlpoap ..... man in the hotel.
- e Mr Jefferson was planning to ayllegl ..... adopt Ruby Keene.
- f Sir Henry thought he renesidogc ..... someone in the Majestic Hotel.

#### 6 Finish the sentences.

- a Peter Carmody wanted to tell his friends that he knew .....
- b Mr Jefferson had lost his family but he had made .....
- c George Bartlett said that he couldn't .....
- d Raymond Starr said it was brave of Josie to dance with him because .....
- e A policeman said a burnt-out car had been found and there were signs of .....
- f Sir Henry said that there was someone in the hotel who was .....

### Chapters 7–8

#### 7 What happened first? Number the sentences, 1–6.

- a  Sir Henry said that a burnt-out car had been found in a quarry.
- b  Doctor Haydock repeated that Ruby hadn't been killed after midnight.
- c  Mark Gaskell said he wanted Ruby dead.
- d  Peter Carmody said he had Ruby's fingernail.



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- e  Colonel Melchett realised the police couldn't make a case against anybody.
- f  Superintendent Harper told Mr and Mrs Reeves some bad news.

**8 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.**

- a The police doctor said that at midnight Ruby Keene was alive. ....
- b Mrs Bantry thought that Raymond Starr was boring. ....
- c Mrs Bantry thought the dead girl's nails were quite pretty. ....
- d The police found a jacket from a Girl Guide's uniform. ....
- e Mr Gaskell and Adelaide Jefferson were quite rich. ....
- f Colonel Melchett thought Basil Blake was very polite. ....

**Chapters 9–10**

**9 Find words in Chapters 9–10.**

- a Similar to 'strange'. (p. 60) .....
- b Strong advice to do or not do something. (p. 62) .....
- c A route between two places, normally in the countryside or a garden. (p. 65) .....
- d You throw things you don't want in it. (p. 66) .....
- e Similar to 'boring'. (p. 68) .....
- f In a pleasant way. (p. 69) .....
- g To have very little colour. (p. 70) .....
- h To have very little knowledge of the world. (p. 71) .....

**10 Put these words into the right sentences.**

- sticks experience powerful marry  
women proud
- a Conway Jefferson had very ..... arms.
  - b Adelaide Jefferson said that Hugo McLean wanted to ..... her.
  - c Mark Gaskell was interested in .....
  - d Doctor Metcalf said that Conway Jefferson could move around on .....
  - e Miss Marple had a lot of ..... talking to young girls.
  - f Edwards said that Conway Jefferson was a very ..... man.

**Chapters 11–12**

**11 Make a word with the underlined letters.**

- a Florence Small thought it was her utalf ..... that Pamela Reeves was dead.
- b Miss Marple said that people were shocked by rumnadier ..... couples living together.
- c Basil Blake had gone into a ribngun ..... house and saved four children.
- d Josie and Mark were keeping their ragamrie ..... a secret.
- e Mark Gaskell nadeltsrg ..... Pamela Reeves on the hearthrug.
- f Josie and Mark wanted Basil Blake to be found lugiyt ..... of murder.
- g Raymond Starr had taken a lot of uteborl ..... finding out about the Devonshire Starr family.

**12 Answer the questions.**

- a Who was Superintendent Harper interviewing in the Danemouth police station?  
.....
- b How did Miss Marple know that Florence Small was lying?  
.....
- c What was the name of the vicar's pretty wife?  
.....
- d When did Basil Blake arrive home from the party?  
.....
- e Where did someone try to kill Conway Jefferson?  
.....
- f How did Miss Marple know the dead girl in the library wasn't Ruby Keene?  
.....
- g Who killed Ruby Keene?  
.....
- h Why did Adelaide Jefferson tell Conway Jefferson that he was wonderful?  
.....

**13 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.**

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



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**1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**

- a The body in the library was discovered at night.
- b Colonel Bantroy only believed there was a dead body in the library when the butler told him about it.
- c Conway Jefferson reported that Ruby Keene was missing.
- d George Bartlett knew Ruby Keene very well.
- e The police found Basil Blake's fingerprints in Ruby's room.
- f Conway Jefferson and Sir Henry Clithering were old friends.
- g Ruby had a special boyfriend.
- h Miss Marple wrote detective stories.

**2 What happened first in the book? Number the sentences 1–10.**

- a  Peter Carmody showed Miss Marple a fingernail.
- b  Dr Haydock said the girl had died between ten and midnight.
- c  Miss Marple talked to some Girl Guides.
- d  Mrs Bantroy asked Miss Marple to come to Gossington Hall.
- e  Conway Jefferson told Mark and Adelaide he was giving his money to a home for dancers.
- f  Dinah Lee had an argument with Basil Blake.
- g  The police examined a burnt-out car.
- h  Josie Turner identified the body as Ruby Keene.
- i  Adelaide told Conway Jefferson that she was going to marry Hugo McLean.
- j  Edwards told Sir Clithering about a photo in Ruby's bag.

**3 Write the names to finish the sentences.**

- Conway Jefferson Mrs Bantroy Raymond Starr  
Adelaide Jefferson Constable Palk  
Colonel Melchett Josie Turner George Bartlett  
Mark Gaskell Basil Blake
- a ..... told Miss Marple about the body.
  - b ..... was the village policeman.
  - c ..... had lots of parties at his house.
  - d ..... suggested that Ruby should get a job at the hotel.
  - e ..... interviewed the manager of the Majestic Hotel.
  - f ..... was a lonely old man who liked young people.

- g ..... owned a Minoan 14.
- h ..... 's first husband had died soon after she married him.
- i ..... 's wife was Conway Jefferson's daughter.
- j ..... said he wasn't good at anything except dancing and playing tennis.

**4 Circle the right word or words.**

- a Mrs Bantroy was in the *bedroom / kitchen* when she heard about the body.
- b Miss Marple was *single / married*.
- c When Basil Blake bought the cottage, the people were very *annoyed / excited*.
- d Josie Turner said that Ruby Keene was not *very pretty / very intelligent*.
- e Hugo McLean was Adelaide Jefferson's *friend / brother-in-law*.
- f Ruby Keene was *alive / dead* when she was put in the car.
- g Miss Marple said there was something wrong with the *shoes / dress* of the dead girl.
- h Raymond Starr said his grandmother came from *France / Argentina*.
- i Edwards said that he had been with Mr Jefferson for a number of *months / years*.
- j Miss Marple said that Basil Blake *put / strangled* Ruby Keene in the library.

**5 Write the name of a place to finish the sentences.**

- Danemouth Somerset House Devon  
Danebury Head Hotel Venn's quarry  
Much Benham Lemville Studios vicarage  
Danebury Hill St Mary Mead
- a Raymond Starr said his family had lived in ..... for hundreds of years.
  - b Dinah Lee asked Miss Marple if she had been to ..... to find out about her marriage.
  - c Gossington Hall was in.....
  - d Basil Blake worked at .....
  - e Hugo McLean stayed in the .....
  - f Colonel Bantroy had been to a political meeting in .....
  - g Miss Marple met Griselda in the .....
  - h Pamela Reeves was last seen at a Girl Guide meeting on .....
  - i Ruby Keene's body was destroyed at .....
  - j The Majestic Hotel was in .....