While reading  
Chapter 1  
1 Write the names to finish the sentences.  
Ratchett  Bouc  Mr Harris  
Colonel Arbuthnot  Mrs Hubbard  
Miss Debenham  Princess Dragomiroff  
a ......................... became very nervous when there was a delay on the train from Syria to Istanbul.  
b ......................... had spent a lot of time in the army in India.  
c ......................... helped Poirot to find a compartment on the Orient Express.  
d ......................... seemed to have a wild animal hidden inside him.  
e ......................... arrived too late to catch the train.  
f ......................... had a husband who had got his money out of his country before the Communists took control.  
g ......................... had a daughter who was teaching at a college in Turkey.  

Chapter 2  
2 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.  
a Bouc told Poirot that a sgrsapene  
......................... had been murdered in his bed.  
b The window of Ratchett’s compartment was open, but there were no rofoptsnir  
......................... in the snow.  
c The door was locked and etdolb  
......................... on the inside.  
d Bouc said that when the police arrived, there would be delays and apnsnestnaselu  
......................... .  
e MacQueen acted svrenyluo ...................... as he sat opposite Poirot.  
f Poirot read the carefully printed dwrgninahiti  
......................... on the notepaper.  
g Poirot bent down to look at the suodnw  
......................... on Ratchett’s body.  
h Poirot found a gun under Ratchett’s liplwo  
......................... .  
i Poirot found a small, pretty kahelhcerdn  
......................... on the floor of Ratchett’s compartment.  
j Colonel Armstrong’s daughter was pdiknadep  
......................... and then murdered.  

Chapter 3  
3 Answer the questions.  
a Who did Poirot interview first?  

b What was on the back of the red dressing gown that the lady in the corridor was wearing?  
c Why did Princess Dragomiroff ring her bell?  
d How did MacQueen feel when he found out that Ratchett was really Cassetti?  
e What did Ratchett normally take before he went to bed?  
f Who did Mrs Hubbard think had been in her compartment the previous night?  
g Where had Mrs Hubbard put her jewellery?  
h What did Mrs Hubbard take from her handbag?  
i Why couldn’t Mrs Hubbard see if the door between her compartment and the next one was bolted or not?  
j Why had the Swedish lady gone to see Mrs Hubbard?  

Chapter 4  
4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?  
a Greta Ohlsson said she slept very deeply and didn’t know if anybody had entered or left her compartment the night before.  

b Greta said she liked the Americans because they give a lot of money to schools and hospitals in Turkey.  
c Poirot believed that the Italian was the murderer.  
d The conductor, Michel, had lost a button from his uniform.  
e Princess Dragomiroff looked very ugly when Poirot spoke to her.  
f Princess Dragomiroff knew the Armstrong family very well.
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Chapter 5
5 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

a Mr Hardman first said he was travelling for pleasure. 

b Mr Hardman had been to Istanbul to look for a couple of children. 

c Mr Ratchett said the person who was threatening him was tall and dark. 

b Foscarelli was Italian but he had become a British citizen. 

c Bouc said that Italians loved using guns. 

d Miss Debenham said she had been working as a secretary in Baghdad. 

g Hildegarde said the handkerchief was very cheap. 

Chapter 6
6 Finish the sentences with the right word.

disproved sharp crowd willingly forwards tidily curled temper refused clue 

a Poirot thinks that the murderer possibly left the watch as a false . 

b Hardman’s evidence could easily be by a call to New York. 

c Mrs Hubbard fell and dropped into Bouc’s arms. 

d There was a of people outside Mrs Hubbard’s compartment. 

e The knife was and covered in blood. 

f When Poirot asked Mrs Hubbard for permission to search her luggage, she agreed . 

g Countess Andrenyi was up in a chair when Poirot arrived. 

Chapter 7
7 Find words in Chapter 7.

a The parts of a watch that move to show us the time. (p. 52) 

b A type of clothes that you wear in bed. (p. 53) 

c Something you find inside a pen. (p. 53) 

d An adjective to describe what something is like after a fire. (p. 54) 

e The daughter of your brother or sister. (p. 56) 

f An adjective to describe somebody who is usually happy. (p. 57) 

g A long look at somebody or something. (p. 58) 

h Moved his head from side to side. (p. 59) 

Chapter 8
8 What’s first? Number the sentences 1–8.

a Greta Ohlsson admits that she was Daisy Armstrong’s nurse. 

b Miss Debenham explains why she lied about her job with the Armstrongs. 

c Poirot explains his first solution about a man who got on the train dressed as a conductor. 

d Poirot shows Colonel Arbuthnot the pipe cleaner and asks him if he murdered Ratchett. 

e Poirot decides to tell the police about his first solution. 

f Poirot explains to all the passengers that that he can think of two possible solutions to the crime. 

g Poirot tells Foscarelli that he knows he drove cars for the Armstrong family. 

h Poirot explains his second solution about twelve people being responsible for Ratchett’s death. 

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a Poirot met Bouc in a hotel restaurant in Istanbul. ✓
   b Poirot knew that Ratchett’s name was really Cassetti from the beginning. ✗
   c Some of Ratchett’s wounds were very slight but some were very serious. ✓
   d Colonel Armstrong shot himself after his wife died. ✗
   e The conductor, Pierre Michel, didn’t see anything the night of the murder because he was sleeping all the time. ✓
   f Mrs Hubbard saw the man that was in her compartment very clearly. ✗
   g All of the women on the train said they didn’t have a red dressing gown. ✓
   h Countess Andrenyi had spent many years living in America with her husband. ✗
   i The American, Hardman, had been hired by Ratchett to protect him. ✗
   j Poirot believed that the Countess was the only person not responsible for the murder. ✗

2 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.
   a Poirot found a pipe cleaner on the floor of Ratchett’s compartment. ✗
   b Linda Arden said she always liked playing amusing characters. ✓
   c A hotel worker told Poirot and Bouc that all the first-class and second-class compartments were full. ✗
   d Greta Ohlsson admitted she had been Daisy Armstrong’s nurse. ✗
   e Poirot found an ink spot on Countess Andrenyi’s passport. ✗
   f Mrs Hubbard told Poirot that she thought a man had been in her compartment the night before. ✓
   g Poirot told the Countess that he knew she was Mrs Armstrong’s sister. ✗
   h The American detective, Hardman, told Poirot about a man with a high voice. ✗
   i Bouc asked Poirot to take command of the murder case. ✓
   j Mrs Hubbard found a big knife in her sponge bag. ✗

3 Write the names to finish the sentences.
   Poirot  Ratchett  Miss Debenham
   Colonel Arbuthnot  Countess Andrenyi
   Mrs Hubbard  Mrs Armstrong  Pierre Michel
   Princess Dragomiroff  Hildegard Schmidt
   a ……………… gave birth too soon because of her daughter’s murder.
   b ……………… said that to solve a case, a man just has to lie back and think.
   c ……………… believed that the Turks were lazy and had terrible roads.
   d ……………… was really the father of the Armstrong’s maid.
   e ……………… said that a small, dark conductor almost ran into her in the corridor.
   f ……………… offered Poirot big money if he would help him.
   g ……………… was very ugly and bought expensive clothes and jewellery.
   h ……………… was worried that her reputation would be ruined if her photograph was in the newspapers.
   i ……………… spoke to Mary on a train platform between Syria and Istanbul.
   j ………………’s husband said she didn’t leave her compartment all night.

4 Circle the right words.
   a M. Bouc thought it was very strange that the Orient Express was empty / full / delayed at that time of year. ✓
   b Poirot refused to help Ratchett because he didn’t like his business / face / wife. ✗
   c Poirot told Bouc that the first thing he needed was a plan of the compartments and the passengers’ luggage / keys / passports. ✗
   d The doctor found a gold watch in the pockets of Ratchett’s soap bag / pyjamas / trousers. ✗
   e When Mrs Hubbard thought there was a man in her compartment, she rang for Poirot / her daughter / the conductor. ✗
   f M. Bouc said that he didn’t like Italians because they used knives and were good at lying / cooking / business. ✗
   g Miss Debenham said that the woman she saw in the corridor was wearing a red dressing gown and a hat / shoes / socks. ✗