

探偵コース1

The Case of the Missing Ring

Introduction to the Series



【Reading】

受講前に探偵コース 1 の概要を読みましょう！

Cynthia Hummingbird is a wealthy widow (1). She lives in a mansion with three wings (2). She has one wing to herself. Another wing is for her son's family of four. Her son Ralph is married to Lila. They have full-grown twins, Emma and Oliver. The twins still live at home. Emma is engaged to a man named Paul.

The third wing in the mansion is for hired help (3). This includes a gardener, a chef, and a housekeeper. Besides these wings, there are several common areas (4) in Cynthia's house, including a computer room, a kitchen, and a living room with a giant flat screen TV.

Hummingbird Manor was recently robbed. A ruby ring was snatched (5) from the widow's bedroom. The ring is a family treasure that was

supposed to be **passed on** (6) to Emma on her wedding day. It was a gift to Cynthia from her **late** (7) husband.

The robber had **bad timing** (8). Emma and Paul are supposed to be **getting hitched** (9) next week in the rose garden. The newlyweds are scheduled to move into the guesthouse after the wedding.

Cynthia hired the **best of the best** (10) to conduct the investigation. Detective Bossley starred in a recent **reality show** (11). It was a murder mystery series. Filming for the show took him all over the world. The Hummingbirds watched every minute of it. Now that the series is over, the famous detective is **out of** (12) a job.

Since there were no signs of a **break-in** (13), the detective thinks that a resident of the mansion stole the ring. He will question each suspect in a private interview. Cynthia has insisted on taping each interview with a hidden camera. She has made Detective Bossley an offer he can't refuse.

[Vocabulary]

1. **widow** - a woman whose husband has died
2. **wings** - sections in a very large house or building
3. **hired help**- people who get paid to assist a person or group
4. **common areas** - places in a building or residence where everyone is welcome
5. **snatched** - taken or stolen quickly (often secretly)
6. **passed on** - given to the next person in line (for example: from other to daughter)
7. **late** - no longer alive
8. **bad timing** - happened at an inconvenient time
9. **getting hitched** - getting married
10. **the best of the best** - the top one; #1
11. **reality show** - a TV show on a certain theme that stars real people, not actors

12. out of - *something* to no longer have something you used to have (such as work, milk, time)
13. break-in - a forced entry into a locked area (you do not have permission or a key)

【Listening】

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