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Эта книга — сборник адаптированных детективных рассказов на английском языке уровня А2. Таинственные загадки, неожиданные разгадки и увлекательные расследования делают чтение захватывающим, а постепенное усложнение текста помогает расширять словарный запас и закреплять новые конструкции. Истории написаны доступным языком и идеально подходят для практики чтения и уверенного освоения английского.

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Предисловие

Чтение — вот лучшее учение.

А.С. Пушкин

Дорогой читатель,

Добро пожаловать в мир неразгаданных секретов, ускользающих улик, таинственного шепота истины, где каждая фраза приближает нас к разгадке. Сборник детективных историй на английском языке — это не просто череда захватывающих приключений. Английский детектив — это целая вселенная, полная загадок, расследований и уникальных персонажей. «Уютные» тайны провинциальных городов, замков и поместий, интеллектуальная глубина и акцент на психологические моменты, железная логика и всеобщая справедливость — всё это превратило детектив как жанр, ставшим неотъемлемой частью представления об Англии начала XX века, в классику.

Чтение на английском — это очередной шаг к совершенствованию в иностранном языке, средство для запоминания и тренировки новой лексики в контексте, возможность осознавать собственную способность понимать художественную литературу, типичную для страны изучаемого языка. Размышляя о героях и происшествиях, вы сможете тренировать свой ум и сообразительность, развивать критическое мышление, выстраивая логику событий.

Каждая история в этой книге — это маленькое приключение, увлекательное путешествие в мир английского языка: описания, диалоги, сюжеты, а также многочисленные упражнения

на тренировку и запоминание лексики будут полезными для тех, кто недавно начал изучать английский.

Эта книга поможет вам улучшить навыки и умения в чтении и понимании смысла прочитанного, пополнить словарный запас и приблизиться к следующему уровню владения языком — B1 «промежуточному» Intermediate.

Приятного чтения и удачи в расследованиях!



The Mystery of the Lost Ring

Detective Lucy Brown was standing in front of a big old house. It was dark. She took a deep breath and knocked on the large wooden door. After a moment, Mrs. Green opened it. She was a kind woman with silver hair.

“My beautiful golden ring is gone!” Mrs. Green cried. “It was a gift from my grandmother, and it is very important to me!”

The ring disappeared during Mrs. Green’s birthday party. There were only four people in the house: gardener Tom, cook Anna, helper Ben, and Mrs. Green’s niece Emma.

Mrs. Green explained, “My ring was here on the table at seven o’clock. But at eight o’clock, it was gone!”

Detective Lucy was very smart.

First, she talked to Tom in the garden. “I was watering the flowers,” Tom said. “It was raining, so my boots got very muddy.”

Next, she spoke to Anna in the kitchen. “I was baking a big birthday cake,” Anna said. “Look, my apron is dirty with flour!”

Then, she found Ben in the living room. “I was cleaning here,” Ben said quickly. “I didn’t see anything strange!”

Finally, she met Emma in the library. “I was reading my book,” Emma said. “I love my aunt and I didn’t take her ring!”

Detective Lucy looked around the room carefully. She saw a small muddy spot on the floor near the window. She looked at everyone’s shoes. Tom’s boots were clean now. Anna’s shoes were clean. Emma was wearing pretty ballet shoes, and they were tidy and clean.

Then she looked at Ben's shoes. They were wet and very dirty!

Detective Lucy saw something small under the table. She picked it up. It was a silver button. She looked at Ben's coat and saw that one button was missing.

"Ben," said Detective Lucy. "Why is your button here on the floor?"

Ben's face suddenly turned red. He looked very nervous. "I... I don't know how it got there!" he said.

"I think you took the ring!" said Detective Lucy.

Ben was very sorry. "It's true," he said. "I didn't mean to steal, but I need money for my sister. She is sick." He took the ring from his pocket and gave it back.

Mrs. Green was sad, but she was a kind person.

"Thank you so much, Detective Lucy!" Mrs. Green said.

Lucy was happy. She solved the mystery.

ПОЛЕЗНЫЕ ВЫРАЖЕНИЯ

- ▶ **to knock on the door** — постучать в дверь
- ▶ **to feel sad** — грустить
- ▶ **to take a deep breath** — глубоко вдохнуть
- ▶ **to solve the mystery** — разгадать тайну
- ▶ **I didn't mean to...** — Я не хотел(а)... / Я не со зла
(сделать что-то случайно)

УПРАЖНЕНИЯ:

1

Прочитайте утверждения и напишите: верно (True) или неверно (False).

1. Detective Lucy saw a small button under the table. _____
2. Ben didn't want to steal. _____
3. Emma's ballet shoes were dirty. _____
4. Anna was a helper. _____
5. The ring disappeared at night. _____

2

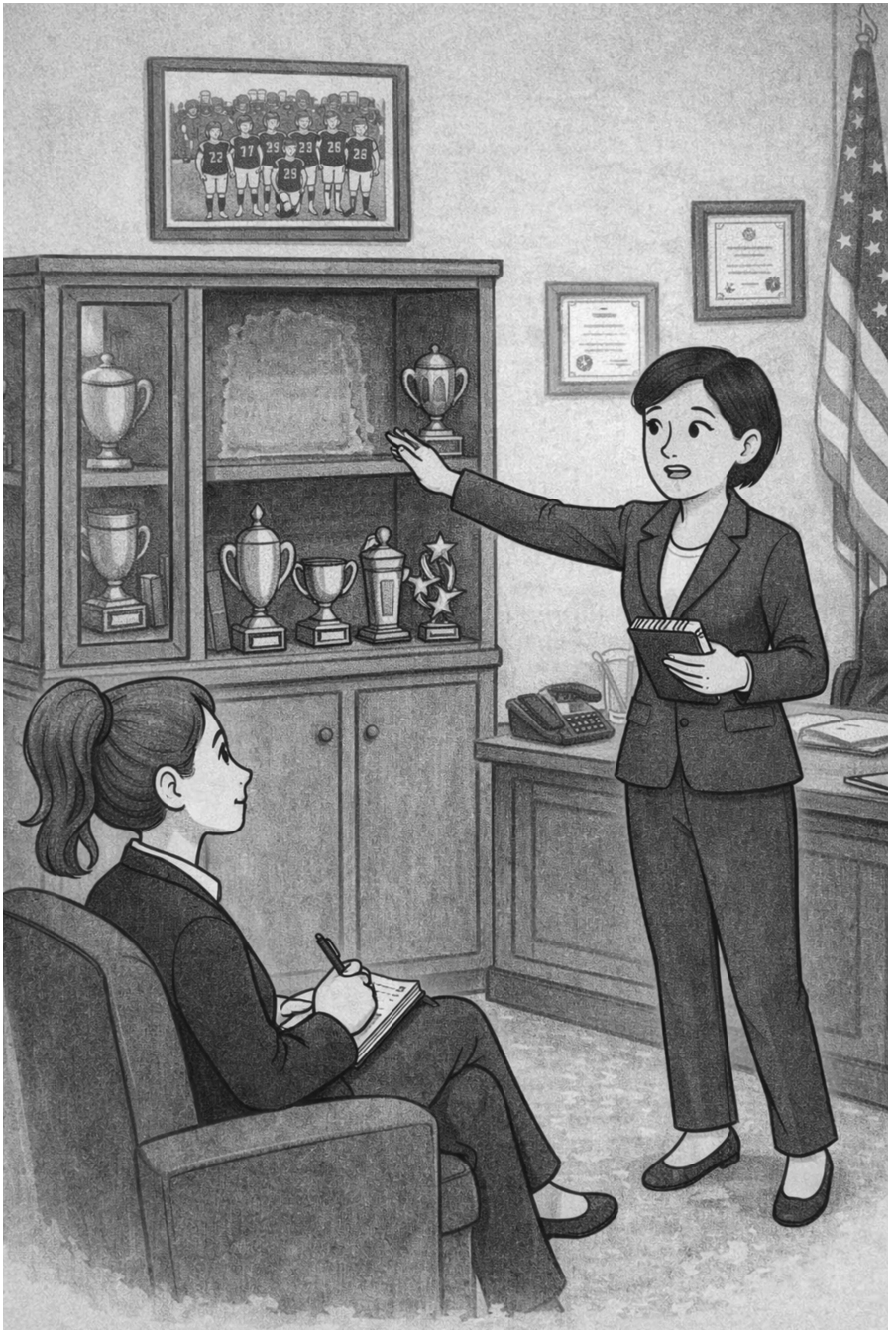
Заполните пропуски:

1. "I was watering the _____," Tom said.
2. He took the _____ from his pocket.
3. "I love my _____ and I didn't take her ring!" Emma said.
4. Detective Lucy was very _____.
5. She was a kind woman with silver _____.

3

Ответьте на вопросы:

1. When did the ring disappear? _____
2. What was Tom doing in the garden? _____
3. Why did Anna have flour on her apron? _____
4. What did Detective Lucy find under the table? _____
5. Why was Detective Lucy happy? _____



The School Trophy

The sun was shining brightly over Maplewood School. It was a beautiful day, but everyone in the gym was very worried. The Golden Soccer Trophy was gone! This special trophy was given every year to the best team. The big game was scheduled for June 20th, and today was June 19th. All the players were very sad.

Principal Lee called Detective Lila. She was a professional who loved solving mysteries. “The trophy was in my office yesterday,” Principal Lee said. “Now it’s missing! The suspects are waiting in the gym.”

Lila went to the gym and met three people. First, there was Coach Davis, the soccer coach. He looked angry. “I had locked the trophy in my office! Someone has taken it!” he said. Next was Emma, the team captain. She looked nervous. “I practiced late yesterday. But I didn’t take the trophy!” Finally, there was Mr. Cole, the school cleaner. He shook his head. “I cleaned the school last night. I saw nothing,” he said.

Lila started to search the school. Near the empty trophy case, she found some clues. There was a muddy shoe print on the floor. She also found a chocolate wrapper under a bench. Then she saw an open locker with soccer shoes inside.

Lila talked to the suspects again. Coach Davis was wearing clean shoes. “I don’t eat chocolate!” he said. Emma’s shoes were muddy. “I... I ate chocolate because I was nervous about the game,” she explained. Mr. Cole said, “That locker was open this morning. It is not my locker.”

Lila looked at the chocolate wrapper. It was Emma's favorite chocolate. She understood. "Emma," she said kindly, "why did you take the trophy?" Emma started to cry. "I wanted to make the team feel strong and willing to win! I hid the trophy in my locker. But it was a mistake. I am very sorry!"

Coach Davis was not happy, but he was fair. "Bring the trophy back," he said. "We will win the game the right way!"

The next day, Maplewood School played the big game. They played very well and won! The trophy was back in the gym for everyone to see. Under the trophy, a new sign said, "Teamwork is better than tricks!" Everyone learned an important lesson.

ПОЛЕЗНЫЕ ВЫРАЖЕНИЯ

- ▶ **the big game** — важный матч / большая игра
- ▶ **to look angry / nervous** — выглядеть сердитым / нервным
- ▶ **to shake one's head** — покачать головой (в знак отрицания или недоумения)
- ▶ **teamwork** — работа в команде
- ▶ **last night** — вчера вечером

УПРАЖНЕНИЯ:

1

Прочитайте утверждения и напишите: верно (True) или неверно (False).

1. Coach Davis looked nervous. _____
2. Mr. Cole was the team captain. _____
3. Detective Lila was a suspect. _____

4. Teamwork is better than tricks. _____
5. Emma didn't take the trophy. _____

2

Заполните пропуски:

1. They played very well and _____!
2. Lila looked at the _____ wrapper.
3. There was a _____ shoe print on the floor.
4. Everyone in the gym was very _____.
5. This _____ trophy was given every year to the best team.

3

Ответьте на вопросы:

1. When was the big game? _____
2. Who called Detective Lila? _____
3. Did Emma have muddy shoes? _____
4. What was the clue to solve the case, and why? _____
5. Where did Emma hide the trophy? _____