



## Worksheet 17

### The book: *The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side*

Penguin Readers, 2000

### Topic: Revision vocabulary and grammar

#### Retell a story

ŠVP: mezipředmětové vztahy český jazyk  
oblíbený spisovatel, dílo

Level: B1-B2

Number of lessons: 2-5

Skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking

Forms and methods: individually, pair work, group work, S-S, T- Ss, S- Ss interactions

### Warming up activity

Discuss: Do you know any famous detective story writers?  
Who are the most famous detectives written by Agatha Christie?

### Before you read

#### 1. Basic facts about Agatha Christie:

Choose the right answer:

Agatha Christie was born in.....(1890 or 1896)

She was educated at home by her.....(mother - father)

She wrote short stories At an.....age ( late- early)

Literary success (did not ) come (came) quickly.

She (did not) like (liked) interviews.

The *Mousetrap* is the.....running play in theatre history (second – first)

She travelled with her..... (first- second husband, sister)

#### 2. Description of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot.

Write the name to the character quality:

retired  
Nice old spinster  
Worked for Belgian police  
force  
Live in a village  
Not flamboyant  
Quiet and imaginative  
Very vain  
Very modest  
Intelligent

Absent - minded  
Rather comical

3. Vocabulary – translate

To work out

To commit

Case

Whodunit

Clues

Circumstance

Charakter

Distinguish

Mystery

4. Match the fact with the number

114	Number of crime novels written.
4	The number of short stories written approximately.
3	Number of plays.
79	Copies of her work sold, worldwide in billions.
150	Number of languages her work has been translated into.
14	Number of times her books were number 1 bestseller.
29	
19	
146	
50	

Text:

Agatha Christie was an immensely prolific writer. She wrote seventy- nine crime novels, approximately a hundred and fifty short stories, four non-fiction books and nineteen plays. More than three billion copies of her work have been sold in a hundred and forty- six languages.

*Source: Headway video intermediate Activity book and Videoguide by Richard Cooper OUP 1997*

**While you read**

1. Who are the people ? True or False?

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| Marina Gregg is a secretary.                              | T or F |
| Heather Badcock was murdered.                             | T or F |
| Ella Zielinski blackmailed Marina.                        | T or F |
| Mr Jason Rudd is a butler.                                | T or F |
| Miss Marple and Inspector Craddock investigated the case. | T or F |

## 2. Grammar

### a) complete prepositions

He'll be here .....10 minutes.

Can I speak .....Marina?

She was ..... hospital.....a long time.

She was sitting .... the chair.

Was something wrong .....her heart?

She was standing ..... the corner.

She was proud ..... her career.

He blamed her.....the death.

### b) complete the sentence with a relative clause

Marina Gregg.....

Miss Marple.....

Mr Jason Rudd.....

Heather Badcock.....

Inspector Craddock.....

Ella Zielinski.....

### c) translate the sentences

Bývával její blízký přítel:.....

Očekávám, že jejím adoptivním dětem byly dány peníze.

Komorník vypadal zmateně a cítil se zklamaně.

Poté mám (já) čekat tady ?.....

To možná způsobí nenarozenému dítěti, že bude mít mozkové poškození.

Hodlám si odpočinout.....

Heather byla zabita, že ano?.....

### d) word formation - write a noun from the verb

protect....., begin....., punish....., drink.....,

intent....., move....., laugh....., paint.....,

possible....., think....., solve....., breathe.....

### e) translate the words

vydírání ..... , senná rýma..... ,

předávkovat..... , podezřívát..... , zírat..... ,

vychovávat..... , vikář..... , získat zdraví a

sílu.....

f) popular 2.st..... 3. st.....

clearly 2. st.....3. st.....

Marina was (a, an, the,0).....actress. She lived in.....U.S.A. at first then she moved to .....Great Britain to have.....rest. She bought .....nice house in.....English countryside. She had.....adoptive children. She married.....director Rudd. They invited.....lots of friends to.....house.

**After you read - retell the story.**