

THE PHOTOCOPIABLE RESOURCE Series

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# Grammar Songs & Raps

For young learners and early teens



with 2 Audio CDs/CD-ROM





# 11

CD1

Track 17

## Robbery at Hanbury Hall

**Language focus** Past tense of *to be* + questions

**Level** Post-beginners / A1 – Elementary / A2

**Time** Lesson 1: 20 minutes  
Lesson 2: 20 minutes

**Materials** CD1 – Track 17: audio recording of the song  
Lesson 1: a copy of Worksheet A per student  
Lesson 2: copy Worksheet B onto card, and cut out the set of cards

### In class

#### Lesson 1

1. Ask students to tell you where they were yesterday/an hour ago/a week ago, e.g.:  
*You: Melike, tell me, where were you yesterday at seven?*  
*Melike: (I was) at home.*
2. Ask students to work in pairs and ask each other where they were yesterday/an hour ago/a week ago.
3. Listen to some of the answers in class. Ask student A about student B, e.g.:  
*You: Luigi, where was Sophie last week?*  
*Luigi: She was at home. She had the flu.*
4. Hand out Worksheet A. Tell the students they have to find out from the song what the four people answer to the Inspector's questions.
5. Play the song. Ask the students to listen carefully and write down the answers.
6. One student then points to a different student each time and asks the four questions, e.g.: *Where were you, Mr....?*). The other student answers as if they were one of the four people from the song: *I was ... etc.*
7. Ask students to do the second task on the worksheet. Remind them to ask and answer all questions in past tense.

#### Answers

- 1 Mr White: I was in the hall. Mrs Black: I don't know anything.  
Lady Brown's son: I don't know and I don't care. Lady Brown: Oh, (Inspector,) that's not fair.
- 2 Where was the cat? It was on the sofa. Where were the books? They were on the floor.  
Where were the glasses/spectacles? They were on the desk.  
Where were the shoes? They were under a chair. Where was the pipe? It was on a shelf.



## Lesson 2

1. Ask a student where he/she was yesterday. The student answers the question and then asks another student. Continue for 1–2 minutes.
2. Play the song. Then repeat it, with a small group singing the Inspector's questions while the rest of the class sings the chorus.
3. Hand out the cards from Worksheet B. Each student gets a card; if there are fewer than 15 students, some students can have two cards, and if there are more, then some students will need to share.
4. Explain the game: one student starts the game by reading out the question on their card. The others have to listen carefully. Only one card has the correct answer to that question.
5. The student with that card reads out the answer, and then continues by reading out the question on their card. In turn, the student who has got the answer to that question reads it out, and continues by reading out the question they have etc.

## Answers

- Q: Where was Inspector Clue at half past six? A: At half past six the Inspector was in the hall.  
 Q: Where were the Browns on Friday? A: The Browns were in London on Friday.  
 Q: Where were Lady Brown and her aunt during the robbery? A: Lady Brown and her aunt were in the library during the robbery.  
 Q: Where was Inspector Clue at lunchtime? A: At lunchtime he was in the large hall.  
 Q: Where was Sir Frederick on his holiday? A: On his holiday he was in Scotland.  
 Q: Where was Sir Frederick when there was a party next door? A: He was at the party, of course!  
 Q: Where was Inspector Clue after his visit to Hanbury Hall? A: After his visit to Hanbury Hall he and his sergeant were at the police station.  
 Q: Where were Lady Brown and her aunt for dinner? A: For dinner, she and her aunt were at the Hanbury Hotel.  
 Q: Where were the Browns after the weekend? A: After the weekend they were back in their country home.  
 Q: Where were Lady Brown and her aunt on Sunday morning? A: On Sunday morning they were at the police station.  
 Q: Where were the robbers in the morning? A: In the morning the robbers were on their way to France.  
 Q: Where were the robbers yesterday? A: Yesterday they were already in jail.  
 Q: Where were the robbers at midnight? A: At midnight the robbers were long gone.  
 Q: Where was Sir Frederick at lunchtime? A: Sir Frederick was asleep in the living room at lunchtime.  
 Q: Where were the Browns during the night? A: During the night they were fast asleep in their bed.

## Extension

### Revising words for places and asking questions.

In class, write on the board a list of places (both indoors and outdoors), e.g. *hall, library, kitchen, bedroom, garden, pond, woods*, etc.

Students work in pairs. Student A thinks of an object, e.g. a mobile phone, and 'hides' it in one of the places by writing on a piece of paper where the mobile is, without showing to their partner. A then says: *Oh dear, yesterday I lost my mobile!* B has up to five guesses to work out where it was found, e.g.:

A: *Oh dear, yesterday I lost my mobile! But then I found it again.*

B: *Really? Where was it? Was it in the library?*

A: *No, it wasn't.*

B: *Was it in the garden?*

A: *Yes, it was.*



## Robbery at Hanbury Hall

*(I wonder what time it is. I shall go and look at the clock in the library.  
Wait a minute! It's not there! There's been a robbery!)*

*Robbery, robbery at Hanbury Hall.*

*Robbery, robbery! Go and call*

*Inspector Clue*

*He's the man for you.*

*(He's the man for you.)*

***(repeat)***

Mr White, and where were you?

In the hall? And is that true?

Mrs Black, what do you know?

Nothing? Really? Is that so?

*Chorus (x 2)*

Where were you at nine, my lady?

I don't know – in the kitchen maybe.

Where were you sir? Were you also there?

I don't know and I don't care.

*Chorus (x 2)*

Lady Brown, once again,

Where were you at nine p.m.?

And your son? Was he there?

Oh, Inspector, that's not fair!

*Chorus*

Robbery, robbery at Hanbury Hall,

Inspector Clue, he knows it all,

He's so clever, clever Clue.

*(I'm the most brilliant mind in Scotland Yard.*

*I know the answer – what about you?)*







# Robbery at Hanbury Hall | Worksheet A

1 Listen to the song. Inspector Clue asks a few questions. Write down what the people answer.



**Mr White**

Where were you, Mr White?

I \_\_\_\_\_



**Mrs Black**

What do you know, Mrs Black?

I \_\_\_\_\_



**Lady Brown's son**

Where were you, sir?

I \_\_\_\_\_



**Lady Brown**

Where was your son, Lady Brown?

Oh, \_\_\_\_\_

2 Inspector Clue asks about the missing objects. Write down the questions and the answers he got.



Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

It \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.

Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

They \_\_\_\_\_ .

Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

They \_\_\_\_\_ .

Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

They \_\_\_\_\_ .

Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?

It \_\_\_\_\_ .



# Robbery at Hanbury Hall | Worksheet B

Cut out the cards.  
Play the game.

Have you got the answer  
to the question?



<p><b>Q:</b> Where was Inspector Clue at half past six?</p> <p><b>A:</b> On his holiday he was in Scotland.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where were the Browns on Friday?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Sir Frederick was asleep in the living room at lunchtime.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where were Lady Brown and her aunt during the robbery?</p> <p><b>A:</b> For dinner, she and her aunt were at the Hanbury Hotel.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> Where was Inspector Clue at lunchtime?</p> <p><b>A:</b> After his visit to Hanbury Hall he and his sergeant were at the police station.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where was Sir Frederick on his holiday?</p> <p><b>A:</b> During the night they were fast asleep in their bed.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where was Sir Frederick when there was a party next door?</p> <p><b>A:</b> At midnight the robbers were long gone.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> Where was Inspector Clue after his visit to Hanbury Hall?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Lady Brown and her aunt were in the library during the robbery.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where were Lady Brown and her aunt for dinner?</p> <p><b>A:</b> The Browns were in London on Friday.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where were the Browns after the weekend?</p> <p><b>A:</b> He was at the party, of course!</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> Where were Lady Brown and her aunt on Sunday morning?</p> <p><b>A:</b> In the morning the robbers were on their way to France.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where were the robbers in the morning?</p> <p><b>A:</b> After the weekend they were back in their country home.</p>	<p><b>Q:</b> Where were the robbers yesterday?</p> <p><b>A:</b> At lunchtime he was in the large hall.</p>
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