



Recap

In the intro to the series you learned about the Hummingbird family. Cynthia Hummingbird's granddaughter, Emma, is about to be wed. There is only one problem! The wedding ring has been stolen. This ruby ring is a family treasure. Detective Bossley will be conducting the investigation. He will question all of the residents of Hummingbird Manor. Cynthia is filming the investigations. Why would she do this? You be the detective! The first suspect is Ralph Hummingbird.

Did You Know?

The word "question" can be a noun and a verb. The detective will **question** (verb) the residents of Hummingbird Manor. He will ask them **questions** (noun) about where they were the evening of the robbery. They will have to provide an **alibi**. A good alibi can prove a suspect's innocence in relation to a crime.





Fact File

Fill in the missing information.

Suspect #1: RALPH

Relationship to Widow: _____

Suspected Motive: Jealousy

Location of questioning: _____

Alibi: Watching TV with his Mother

Pre-Reading Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
reruns	television episodes from past (also called repeats)	
to get down to business	to focus on the important matter	
to mean the world to someone	to be very important	
born with a silver spoon in one's mouth	rich at birth; never had to worry about money	
to mean nothing	to be unimportant	
the love of my life	one's true love	
Bingo!	a way of saying you guessed or answered correctly	
on the contrary	introduces an opposite example or idea	
empty nest	a home (or feeling) after the grown children have moved out	
to have your heart set on something	to really want something	

Dialogue Fill in the blanks with the words from the vocabulary list.

DETECTIVE: Sorry to interrupt your show Ralph. Could you tell me where you were the night the ruby ring disappeared?

RALPH: I was watching _____ of your murder mystery with my mother. She can't get enough of reality TV.

DETECTIVE: I'm glad you enjoyed the series. Let's **get down to** _____, shall we? Tell me about your relationship with your mother.

RALPH: My mother **means the world** to me. I miss my father, though.

DETECTIVE: I hear Mr. Hummingbird was a fine business man. You were born with a **silver** _____ in your mouth, weren't you?

RALPH: Yes, but money **means nothing** to me. I care more about love.

DETECTIVE: Do you love your wife?

RALPH: Of course. Lila is **the love of my** _____. I just wish she felt the same way about me.

DETECTIVE: Let me guess. Things changed when you had the twins?

RALPH: **Bingo.** Lila used to look at me like Paul gawks at Emma. You know the look. My mother looks at you that way. You *and* Paul.

DETECTIVE: Is that jealousy I sense? Your daughter's fiancé *is* a handsome man.

RALPH: Jealousy? Don't be ridiculous. I'm happy for Emma. She doesn't realize how lucky she is.

DETECTIVE: Really? Does it bother you that your mother adores Paul?

RALPH: **On the contrary.** If my mother didn't approve of Paul, Emma wouldn't be marrying him. She'd lose her inheritance *and* the guest house.

DETECTIVE: Is that right? And, Emma has her **heart set on** those things, I assume.

RALPH: Actually, Emma doesn't care as much about money as her mother does. She'd be happy living in the jungle. It's me that wants Emma to move into the guest house. The sooner Lila and I can have an **empty** _____ the better!



Vocabulary Review

A) Match the words to the definition.

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| 1. reruns | a. focus on the important matter |
| 2. get down to business | b. repeats |
| 3. means the world to someone | c. to be very important to someone |
| 4. born with a silver spoon in one's mouth | d. my one true partner in life |
| 5. means nothing | e. a home that no longer has kids |
| 6. the love of my life | h. wealthy at birth |
| 7. on the contrary | g. exactly |
| 8. heart set on | i. want badly |
| 9. empty nest | j. has no importance |
| 10. Bingo | k. just the opposite |

B) Match the word or phrase to the correct example.

VOCABULARY

- empty nest
- heart set on something
- born with a silver spoon in one's mouth
- rerun
- means the world to someone

EXAMPLES

- Enrique's parents were movie stars before he was born.
- Mia really wanted to go to Disney World.
- The only thing that matters to Katie is her cat.
- I've seen this episode three times.
- Both of Lindsay's kids have left for college.

C) Complete the phrases using vocabulary from the list.

- Say "_____ " when I guess correctly.
- A: "I hear the presenters were disorganized." B: "On the _____ ! They were well prepared."
- If we don't get _____ to _____ we'll never finish this meeting.
- My husband is the love _____ my _____. He means the world to me.
- You can have that photo if you want. It means _____ to me.

Comprehension Questions

1. How does Ralph describe his relationship with Cynthia?
2. Which of the following does Ralph NOT care about? **Money / his mother / his daughter / finding the ring**
3. According to Ralph, how does Cynthia feel about Paul?
4. **True or False.** Detective Bossley wonders if Ralph is jealous of Paul's good looks.
5. What does Emma's father say about the guest house?
6. According to Ralph, how does Emma feel about her inheritance?
7. Why does Ralph want his daughter to get married?

Making Predictions

Discuss these questions with the class or a partner (or write your response in a journal entry for homework.)

1. Do you think Ralph is the thief? Why or why not?
2. Do you think Ralph is jealous of Paul? Explain your answer.
3. What do you think Ralph looks like? Describe his looks.
4. How do you envision the living room at Hummingbird Manor? Describe how it might look.
5. What questions do you think the detective will ask Ralph's wife?

Recognizing Word Forms

Read each sentence and look at the word "question". Is it a noun or a verb?

1. Ralph was watching reruns before the detective questioned him. _____
2. Detective Bossley had some difficult questions for Ralph. _____
3. During the questioning, the hidden camera was rolling. _____
4. The detective will question Lila next. _____



Stay Tuned! Episode No 2
The next suspect is **Lila Hummingbird**.
Review the intro to this series to find out
her relationship to the widow.

Teacher's Answer Key

Fact File

Relationship to Widow: **Son**

Location of questioning: **Living Room**

Dialogue: Fill in the Blanks Answers

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Vocabulary Review

A) 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. h 5. j 6. d 7. k 8. i 9. e 10. g

B) 1. e 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. c

C) 1. Bingo 2. On the contrary! 3. down to business 4. love of my life 5. means nothing to me

Comprehension Answers

1. Ralph says his mother means the world to him. He loves her a lot.
2. Money
3. Ralph says that his mother adores Paul.
4. True
5. He says that Emma would not be able to live in the guest house if she got married to someone her grandmother didn't like.
6. According to Ralph, Emma doesn't care much about money.
7. Ralph wants his kids to move out so that he can have his wife to himself again.

Recognizing Word Forms

1. verb 2. noun 3. noun 4. verb