

Bronze ANSWERS

Whodunnit? The Case of the Broken Vase

7 The Swaggerty house was well known to
14 anyone in the surrounding area. It had
22 been designed in the shape of a perfect
30 circle. It was also home to the famous
35 and highly valuable Sapphire Vase.

40 When Mr Swaggerty returned home
48 one day to find the vase was broken,
53 he immediately called for Detective
58 Dunit, who interviewed everyone in
65 the house about what they had been
71 doing that morning. Terri, the gardener,
78 said that she had been watering the
79 plants.

87 Borys, the butler, said that he had been
90 out posting letters.

98 Scott, the cleaner, said that he had been
104 dusting the corners of the house.

112 Instantly, Dunit knew who had broken the vase.



Quick Questions



1. Find and copy **two** words which show you that the Sapphire Vase was worth a lot of money.

highly valuable



2. What shape was the Swaggerty house?

The Swaggerty house was a perfect circle.



3. Why do you think the author chose not to reveal who had broken the vase?

Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that the author chose not to reveal the answer so that it was more interesting for the reader to work out the answer. It's like a puzzle.



4. Who do you think broke the vase? Explain your answer.

Accept any sensible deduction, such as: I think that Scott broke the vase because he said that he had been dusting the corners of the house when we know that the house is a circle and doesn't have corners.

Whodunnit?

- 8 What happened to Ms Smith's jewellery that **day**?
- 18 She was meant to wear it to watch a **play**,
- 27 She left it behind when she had got **dressed**,
- 32 All adorned in her Sunday-**best**.
- 40 Miss Ruby was seeing her friend that **morning**,
- 48 She heard the crash which came without **warning**,
- 57 The woman screamed - she was given a **fright**,
- 66 She yelled for help with all of her **might**.
- 74 The Doctor, in his usual morose, glum **way**,
- 81 Was up in his study, beavering **away**.
- 88 He ambled upstairs to discover the **theft**,
- 96 And discovered the jewellery box; nothing was **left**!
- 102 Sir Crumpet in his garden **outside**,
- 109 Was pruning all his shrubs with **pride**.
- 117 He claimed to hear voices behind the **house**,
- 126 But assumed it was either a pheasant or **grouse**!
- 134 It's such a mystery, who stole the **gold**,
- 141 The police predict its already been **sold**.
- 150 The townsfolk and I really don't have a **clue**!
- 157 The important question here is: do **you**?



Answers



1. Where was Mrs Smith going on the day of the robbery?

Accept: to watch a play.



2. Find and copy a word which suggests that the Doctor was slow.

Accept 'ambled'.



3. What does the phrase 'He claimed' imply about Colonel Crumpet?

Accept: that they might not be telling the truth.



4. Can you solve the mystery? Who do you think 'dunnit'? Why?

Accept any reasonable prediction linking to the text.