

People in the story

Mary Lawson: a fourteen-year-old girl; Andy Lawson's twin sister

Andy Lawson: a fourteen-year-old boy; Mary Lawson's twin brother

Ellen Lawson: Andy and Mary's mother

Peter van Noordwyk: a Dutch businessman

Jake: a robber

Os: another robber

Inspector Kompier: a Dutch police officer

BEFORE YOU READ



1 Look at the pictures in the first two chapters. Answer the questions.

1 Who is with Andy and Mary in Amsterdam?

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2 What do Andy and Mary do?

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LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Amsterdam *has* / *hasn't* got many cars.
- 2 The Lijnbaansgracht is a *river* / *canal*.
- 3 *Jake* / *Os* has got long hair.
- 4 Jake and Os carry something *out of* / *into* the house.
- 5 Andy and Mary are staying in a *house* / *hotel*.
- 6 Ellen is *working* / *on holiday* in Amsterdam.
- 7 You *can't* / *can* watch British TV in Amsterdam.
- 8 The robbery happened yesterday *morning* / *afternoon*.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Mary (x2) Andy Ellen Peter (x2)

- 1 Mary wants to go into the empty house.
- 2 sees someone outside the house.
- 3 is wearing a black T-shirt.
- 4 has got short dark hair.
- 5 is wearing expensive clothes.
- 6 has got a boat.

- 4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?
- 1 It's eight o'clock in the morning at the start of the story.
 - 2 The hotel is near the Lijnbaansgracht.
 - 3 Os is not as tall as Jake.
 - 4 The teenagers haven't got the key to their hotel room.
 - 5 The teenagers get to the hotel before their mum.
 - 6 The restaurant is a long way from the hotel.
 - 7 Andy and Mary's father isn't at home.
 - 8 The police know how the robbers got into the museum.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why do Andy and Mary run back to the hotel?
Because they have to be back by eight o'clock.
- 2 Describe the family's hotel room.
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- 3 Why is the family in Amsterdam?
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- 4 Where is Andy and Mary's dad?
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- 5 What have the robbers taken from the museum?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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- 6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next chapter.
- 1 Ellen doesn't believe Andy and Mary's story.
 - 2 Ellen believes Andy and Mary's story and wants to go to the police.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 17.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 What do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

1 'You mustn't be angry,' said Mary. (page 18) *Ellen*

2 Ellen looked at them both. (page 19)

3 'We know where it is.' (page 21)

4 'They were much younger.' (page 22)

5 'It's just round the corner from here.' (page 24)
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6 'We have to get into the house ourselves.' (page 25)
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- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.

1 Andy is sure that b

2 Andy can't remember the address of the house but

3 Kompier wants to visit the house because

4 The house is locked but

a he can take the police there.

~~b~~ the robbers were carrying a painting.

c the police find someone with a key.

d she is interested in the teenagers' story

4 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Mary and Andy tell Ellen about the painting at *lunch / breakfast*.
- 2 Ellen thinks her children *are / aren't* telling the truth.
- 3 Kompier gives Andy and Mary *coffee / a cold drink*.
- 4 Two police *cars and a boat / boats and a car* go the house.
- 5 The old man *knew / didn't know* the woman who lived in the house.
- 6 The teenagers walk back to the hotel with *Kompier / Ellen*.
- 7 *Andy / Mary* thinks that the robbers took the painting away.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 What time of day is it at the start of Chapter 3?
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- 2 What is Ellen going to tell Peter's secretary?
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- 3 Who has a key to the house?
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- 4 Who wants to take the family back to the hotel?
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- 5 What does Mary want to do at the end of Chapter 3?
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LOOKING FORWARD

6 What do you think? Answer the questions.

- 1 Do Andy and Mary find the painting?
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- 2 Who finds them in the house?
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LOOKING BACK



- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 27.

ACTIVITIES



- 2 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Jake and Os come into the house.
- 2 Mary and Andy run down the stairs.
- 3 Andy and Mary go back to the Lijnbaansgracht.
- 4 Os takes Andy and Mary's mobile phones.
- 5 Mary finds a pen.
- 6 Andy and Mary climb over the wall.
- 7 Mary pulls Andy into the first house.
- 8 Mary finds the painting.
- 9 Andy and Mary leave the house.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Ellen thinks Andy and Mary are *visiting museums* / watching a film today.
- 2 Andy and Mary enter the house using a *key* / *knife*.
- 3 *Jake* / *Os* sees the teenagers first.
- 4 *Jake* / *Os* catches Mary at the end of Chapter 4.
- 5 *Os says* / *doesn't say* where he is from.
- 6 Andy *is* / *isn't* angry with Mary.
- 7 *Mary* / *Andy* opens the door using a pen.
- 8 When the teenagers escape, they want to talk to *Kompier* / *a policeman*.

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Mary takes a knife because c
 - 2 Mary looks under the beds but
 - 3 The bookcase is strange because
 - 4 Mary says sorry to Andy because
 - 5 Andy tries to push the pen into the lock but
- a she's got them into trouble.
 - b the painting isn't there.
 - ~~c~~ she wants to open a window.
 - d there's a keyhole in the back of it.
 - e it isn't small enough.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Ellen at the start of Chapter 4?
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- 2 Where does Mary find the painting?
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- 3 Where do the robbers take Mary and Andy?
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- 4 What does Andy use to catch the key?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next two chapters.

- 1 Jake and Os find Andy and Mary again.
- 2 Peter helps the teenagers to catch the robbers.
- 3 Ellen is very angry with her children.

LOOKING BACK



- 1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 43.

ACTIVITIES



- 2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Mary tells Kompier about the painting.
- 2 Kompier gives Andy her phone number.
- 3 Mary knows where the Keizergracht is.
- 4 Andy and Mary decide to go to the twelfth floor.
- 5 Jake and Os find the teenagers on the twelfth floor.
- 6 Peter says that the police don't know about him.
- 7 The painting is still in the house.
- 8 Jake is going to bring Ellen into Peter's office.

- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 06-3576-3957 is
 - 2 The Keizergracht is
 - 3 Jake and Os find
 - 4 Mary doesn't want to
 - 5 Peter is going to
- a the street where Peter works.
 - b Andy and Mary in the building.
 - ~~c~~ Kompier's phone number.
 - d take the teenagers out to sea.
 - e tell Peter about the painting.

4 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Andy Kompier Ellen Mary Peter (x2)

- 1 Andy and Mary want Kompier to listen to their story.
- 2 uses his mobile phone in the police station.
- 3 works at the top of a tall building.
- 4 tries to fight with Jake.
- 5 Jake and Os work for
- 6 is in the library.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 What languages does Kompier speak on the phone?
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- 2 What does Kompier tell Kuipers to do?
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- 3 What time do Andy and Mary arrive at Peter's office?
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- 4 Describe Peter's office.
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 What do you think? Answer the questions.

- 1 Who cries in the next chapter?
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- 2 Who has a gun?
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LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 55.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Ellen says that they don't need to go to the police.
- 2 Ellen sees Andy and Mary in Peter's office.
- 3 Ellen hears that Peter is going to take them in his boat.
- 4 Mary says that Jake and Os left the painting in the house on Lijnbaansgracht.
- 5 They take the lift down to the ground floor and, when the doors open, the police are waiting for them.
- 6 Kompier tells Peter that Andy used his mobile phone to give her information about him.
- 7 Peter and Jake put down their guns.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Andy is / isn't afraid.
- 2 Jake / Os is going to wait for the family on the ground floor.
- 3 Peter puts his gun to Ellen's / Mary's head.
- 4 The police haven't / have caught Peter's driver.
- 5 Andy put Kompier's phone number into his phone at the hotel / police station.
- 6 Mary thinks that Ellen will / won't thank her and Andy.

4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Mary runs to be with her mother.
- 2 There are other people working on the twelfth floor.
- 3 Andy smiles at Jake in the lift.
- 4 Peter and Jake are carrying guns in the lift.
- 5 Jake can't close the lift doors after they arrive on the ground floor.
- 6 Kompier says that stealing a painting is worse than killing someone.
- 7 Peter can't understand how the police know about everything.
- 8 Ellen hasn't got a job at the end of the story.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Who brings Ellen to Peter's office?
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- 2 Who has stopped the lift working?
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- 3 Who has taken Peter's car?
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- 4 When did Andy call Kompier?
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- 5 Where are the police going to take the robbers?
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- 6 Why does Mary say that Kompier has to thank her and Andy?
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