

The theft of the *Mona Lisa*

Before you watch

Answer the questions.

- 1 Can you name any famous works of art?
- 2 What do you know about the *Mona Lisa*?

Comprehension check

1  Watch the video clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the Louvre?
a an art gallery b a painting c a city
- 2 Who was Vincenzo Peruggia?
a an art critic b a thief c an artist
- 3 Where did the thief keep the painting?
a under his bed b in a garage c in a wardrobe

2  Watch again. Put these things in the order that you see them, from 1–8.

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| the Eiffel Tower ____ | a telephone ____ |
| Pablo Picasso ____ | two policemen ____ |
| a fingerprint ____ | Vincenzo Peruggia ____ |
| the Louvre ____ | the <i>Mona Lisa</i> ____ |

3  Watch again. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The *Mona Lisa* went missing in 1911 / 1919.
- 2 A mysterious person contacted the police / a newspaper with information about the painting.
- 3 Guillaume Apollinaire stole some paintings / statues from the Louvre.
- 4 The thief was working in / visiting the museum when he stole the painting.
- 5 The thief stole the painting on a Sunday / Monday.
- 6 The thief tried to sell the painting to an art dealer in Paris / Florence.

4  Watch again. Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 The guards | returned to France. |
| 2 The police | gave some stolen statues to Pablo Picasso. |
| 3 Apollinaire | looked for the painting in the museum. |
| 4 Vincenzo Peruggia | tried to find the thief's fingerprints. |
| 5 Alfredo Geri | kept the painting in a wardrobe. |
| 6 The <i>Mona Lisa</i> | was a famous art dealer in Florence. |

5  Watch again. Put the events in the order that they happened.

- People saw the painting in the U.S., Russia, and South America. ____
- The guards called the police. ____
- Peruggia went to prison. ____
- Guards saw that the *Mona Lisa* wasn't in the gallery. ____
- Someone contacted a newspaper with information about the painting. ____
- Vincenzo Peruggia stayed the night at the Louvre museum. ____
- Peruggia went to Florence to try to sell the painting. ____
- The police thought that Apollinaire stole the *Mona Lisa*. ____

Language check

Past progressive and simple past

Several guards **were working** in the gallery.

When the police **arrived**, the guards **were looking** for the painting.

Where **was he hiding** the painting?

6 Complete the sentences with the correct past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- On Sunday night, the security guards _____ in the museum. (not work)
- On Monday morning, nobody _____ the museum because it was closed. (visit)
- While the police _____ the crime, someone contacted a newspaper. (investigate)
- The mysterious caller said the police _____ in the right place. (not look)
- Nobody knew that Peruggia _____ the painting in his wardrobe. (hide)

7 Write sentences with the past progressive and simple past.

- The phone / ring / while / I / do / my homework.

- Peter / walk / to school / when / he / see / a car accident.

- The boys / arrive / home / while / Mom / cook / dinner.

- The students / not study / when / the teacher / enter / the room.

- What / you / do / when / I / call / you / last night?

- I / play / basketball / when / I / hurt / my arm.

Extension



Look at the photos and answer the questions.

Photo A

- Who is the person in the photo?
- What is he doing?
- Why do you think he is doing this?

Photo B

- Who are the people in the photo?
- What is he doing?
- Why do you think he is doing this?
- Which crime do you think is worse, the crime in Photo A or Photo B? Why?