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GOSSIP & CRIME - Junior Play

INTRODUCTION:

Criminal: Someone who has broken the law

Make way for us kids!: It's time for the children to be in charge and tell the story. Adults need to make room for the younger generation.

SCENE 1:

Case: A problem, occurrence, something that needs to be solved, figured out - usually to do with a legal issue

Total nightmare: Absolutely awful - dreadful.

Vom Burger: A fast-food restaurant that sells burgers

She has only had eyes: She is only interested in one person.

Full of himself: Think only of himself. Thinks he is the best thing ever.

Riddle: A question or statement that takes some ingenuity/thinking to figure out or find the answer.

Solve: Figure out the answer. Understand how something happens.

Agatha Christie: A famous mystery novelist from the early 1900s.

SCENE 2:

I knocked it out of the park: To do the best you can. Refers to hitting a baseball or cricket ball so far that it leaves the stadium/park and maximum points are scored.

Report card: A summary of your grades from school

Hand in my last homework: To give the work you do at home to your teacher.

Grounded: Punished by your parents, your usual privileges are taken away e.g your phone, seeing friends.

I'm just passing by: Will only be there for a small amount of time.

Disappearances: People going missing. Not knowing where someone or something is.

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SCENE 3:

Suit yourself: As you would like

Put my mind at ease: Stop worrying

OPTION 1:

Think twice before messing with us again: They will reconsider before doing something to upset/annoy/hurt someone else.

Hypothesis: An educated guess before further investigation is undertaken/made.

Theory: An idea of why something is the way it is.

Abducted: Disappeared - taken by someone.

Investigate: Examine the facts, find out more about something, carry out research.

On the case: Carrying out an investigation

Follow the evidence: Find clues and what they mean

Press the suspect: Interrogate people involved

Crack the case: Find out what happened

OPTION 2:

Mission: An important assignment

Show yourself out: Leave by yourself, go without saying goodbye

SCENE 6:

Explanation: A reason/justification for something

Obsessed: All you can think/do/talk about

Head to bed now: Go to bed

In your head: What you imagine in your mind

Jealous: feeling envious of someone



SCENE 7:

She stood me up: She didn't come - usually refers to a date, when someone doesn't say anything beforehand.

A freak: A weird person

That loser ditched me: They didn't turn up/show up. To leave someone by themselves.

I lent her 20€: To let someone borrow money and expect it back.

Locked in the cellar: Unable to get out of a basement.

Horror in her eyes: A fearful look in her eyes.

SCENE 8:

She sneaks out: She leaves her house without anyone knowing.

Knock her out: Make her unconscious

Evil lovebirds: Two (very bad) people who are in love

Guilty: The person who is in the wrong. The person who has committed the crime.

Running detention: Organising/present during detention - punishment for students who break rules/don't complete their school work. Usually takes place during lunch or after school.

He couldn't find his butt if he was sat on his hands: An expression to describe how someone would not be able to see something very obvious.

Make up your mind: To decide on something

Don't go jumping to any conclusions: To decide something without knowing all the facts.

Advice: Something said to another person to help them

OPTION 3:

A solved case and a cold case: A solved case is something that has been figured out through evidence and investigation. A cold case has not enough evidence to be solved and usually is left unsolved.

Diligent: Hardworking

Rebel rule-breaker: A person who has no regard for rules/laws. Someone who does as they please.

Flattery will get you everywhere: An expression. Flattery - to compliment someone. By complimenting people you will be able to get what you want.

They repeat their year: They will have to do the year at school again.

Expelled: Not allowed to go to that school anymore.

Excluded: Not included. Unallowed to be a part of the group.

Kicked out: Removed from the group.

OPTION 4:

Biggest weakness: Something that will easily hurt/break someone or something. Often fragile.

Don't try to get smart with us: Don't tell us lies or be clever to escape

Obvious: Clear - no ambiguity.

Set up: To assemble beforehand. To make someone else look guilty.

Only suggested: Doesn't say completely. Hint at something. Give the impression but not actually true.

Barking up the wrong tree: An expression to explain you've got the wrong person.

SCENE 11-12:

Just in time: To complete something before it's too late.

Arrest: Take someone into custody. Police arrest people who are breaking the law.

Food poisoning: To be sick from food, usually because of poor food hygiene.



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