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LISTENING ACTIVITY 1/6

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

INTRODUCTION

The Belgian detective Hercule Poirot is travelling on the Simplon Orient Express. He meets an old friend and they notice something strange for the time of year.



PART 1

1.  Listen to the audio and complete the text. Choose the word/s from the basket below.

stout • enjoyed • variety • operated • pleasant • waved • director

Later Poirot had a more **1** surprise. His old friend M.¹ Bouc was travelling on the Simplon Orient as well. M. Bouc was also Belgian, and a **2** of the company that **3** the Orient Express. He was a small, **4** man with very short hair.

‘The whole world is travelling tonight!’ said Bouc. ‘Very strange for this time of year. I don’t understand it.’

Poirot had to agree. ‘Neither do I, my friend.’

Outside a **5** blew and the train started to move. The Orient Express began its three-day journey across Europe.

The next day, Bouc and Poirot met for lunch in the dining car and the two friends **6** an excellent meal.

‘Look around us!’ Bouc **7** his hand at the travelers and their tables. ‘People of all classes, of all ages, from every country in Europe and beyond. ‘Where else can one find such **8** ? For three days these strangers are brought together. Then they part, and most will never see each other again.’

(from Chapter One)

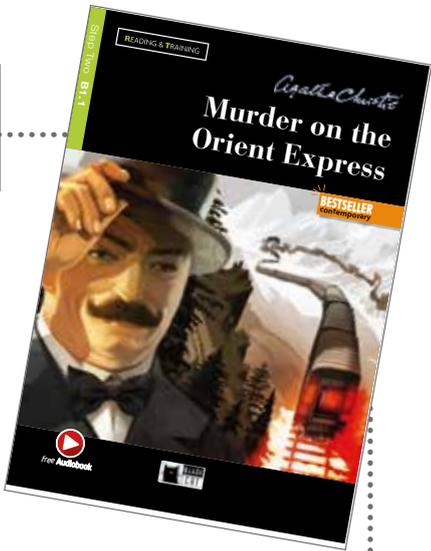
1 M. : (French) Monsieur



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QUICK QUIZ (GRAMMAR QUIZ)

2. Match the first sentences with the ones below.
The first is done for you.

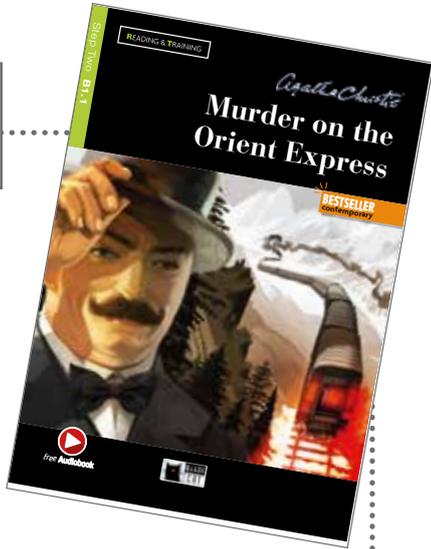
- 0. *I can't swim!* - e. *Neither can I!*
 - 1. My sister can speak French.
 - 2. We have a big home.
 - 3. I don't have a dog.
 - 4. John can run fast.
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- a. So do we.
 - b. So can mine.
 - c. So can I.
 - d. Neither do I.
 - e. Neither can I!



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PART 2

3. Listen to the audio and then do the activity below.

1. Are these sentences true(T) or false (F)?
- 1. Poirot drank his tea and studied the fourteen people in the dining car. T F
 - 2. A small Englishman sat between a big American and a large Italian man. T F
 - 3. Princess Dragomiroff was a beautiful, fascinating woman. T F
 - 4. The Russian woman wore a necklace of large jewels and many rings on her fingers. T F
 - 5. The elderly American woman had a daughter in Smyrna. T F

QUICK QUIZ!

4. Match the words with their opposites.

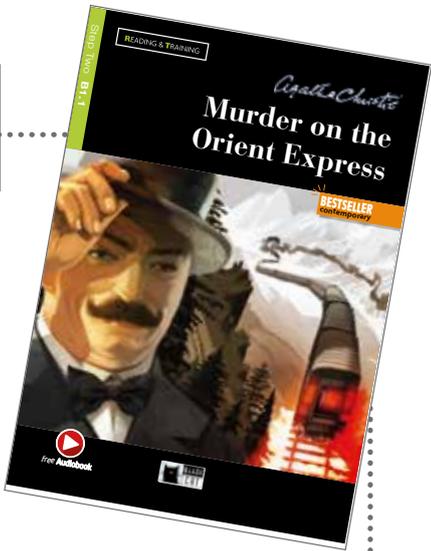
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| 1. stout | | a. short |
| 2. elderly | | b. thin |
| 3. tall | | c. shout |
| 4. polite | | d. young |
| 5. whisper | | e. poor |
| 6. rich | | 7. rude |



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VIDEO QUIZ

5. **WATCH THE VIDEO** [web address: <https://youtu.be/ijeLh8tRRXo>]. Then choose the correct word/s from the basket below to complete the sentences.

alibi • commit a crime • suspect • motive • clues • solve

1. You'll go to prison if you
2. Look, these important will help the detective the mystery!
3. He's not the criminal because he has a good
4. What did she have to steal the money?
5. That strange man looks like a

