

Points for Understanding

ROOM 13

- 1 Why did Mr Anderson go to Viborg?
- 2 Mr Anderson stayed in the Golden Lion Inn.
 - (a) How old was the inn?
 - (b) Which two rooms did the landlord show him?
 - (c) Which room did Mr Anderson choose?
- 3 What happened when Anderson tried to open his bedroom door that evening?
- 4 What did Anderson think when he lit the oil-lamp in room 12?
- 5 Why did the townspeople of Viborg want Francken to leave the city?
- 6 What did Anderson hear when he stopped outside the door of room 13?
- 7 What had disappeared from room 12?
- 8 Anderson went to the window and lit a cigarette.
 - (a) How many shadows did Anderson see on the wall opposite?
 - (b) What was strange about the shadow from room 13?
- 9 Where were Anderson's suitcase and ashtray in the morning?
- 10 Why did Anderson think he was going mad?
- 11 'Who is in room 13?' Anderson asked the landlord. What did the landlord reply?
- 12 In the evening, Anderson invited the landlord to his room. What happened when they were in room 12?
- 13 Why did Anderson shout and pull Jensen away from the door of room 13?
- 14 What happened when the men swung their axes at the door of room 13?
- 15 A box of old papers was found under the floor of room 13. Who did Anderson think the papers had belonged to?
- 16 Many people believe that some numbers are magical or unlucky. Are there any special numbers in your country? What are they?

THE WHISTLE

- 1 Parkins stayed at the Globe Inn in Burnstow.
 - (a) How many rooms were there in the inn?
 - (b) How many beds were there in Parkins' room?
 - (c) What was unusual about the window?
- 2 Where had Colonel Wilson lived for many years?
- 3 What is an archeologist?
- 4 Why did Parkins not walk back to the inn with the Colonel?
- 5 What did Parkins find in the hole?
- 6 Why did Professor Parkins suddenly feel afraid?
- 7 What was written on the whistle? What happened when the Professor blew the whistle?
- 8 What did Parkins see in his dream?
- 9 In the morning, the servant came to clean Parkins' room. What was strange about the beds?
- 10 What did the boy see in the window of Parkins' room?
- 11 What did the Colonel tell Parkins to do with the whistle?
- 12 'A noise came from the empty bed.'
 - (a) What did Parkins see on the bed?
 - (b) What did the face under the sheet look like?
 - (c) Who came into the room?
- 13 Why is the Professor afraid of curtains that move in the wind?

THE MESSAGE OF DEATH

- 1 Why did Dunning not want Karswell's book in the Museum Society library?
- 2 What was the strange notice Dunning saw in the tram window?
- 3 A man handed Dunning a piece of paper. What was written on the paper?
- 4 A man knocked Dunning's papers off his desk. What happened when the man gave the papers back to Dunning?
- 5 Fairer said Karswell was an evil man. What had Karswell done to the village children?
- 6 How did John Harrington die?
- 7 What had happened to Dunning's servants?

- 8 Dunning stayed one night in the empty house. In the morning, he went to stay at a hotel. Why?
- 9 How had John Harrington made Karswell angry?
- 10 John Harrington found a piece of paper in his programme when he came back from the concert.
 - (a) What was written on the paper?
 - (b) What happened to the piece of paper?
- 11 'You must not take *anything* from Karswell,' Henry Harrington told Dunning. Why? What had Dunning taken from Karswell?
- 12 How did Henry Harrington stop the piece of paper being burnt?
- 13 What must Dunning do to stay alive?
- 14 A telegram came from the detectives who were watching Karswell.
 - (a) Where was Karswell going?
 - (b) Which train was he going on?
 - (c) What was Harrington's plan?
- 15 How did Dunning hand the paper back to Karswell?
- 16 A notice appeared in *The Times* newspaper. What did the notice say?

THE MAZE

- 1 Why was Mr Humphreys able to leave work?
- 2 Who was Mr Cooper?
- 3 Who had started the gardens?
- 4 What did Mr Humphreys see in the Roman temple?
- 5 Who planted the trees for the maze?
- 6 Why was the gate to the maze always locked?
- 7 Mr Wilson had given orders about the stones in the maze. What were the orders?
- 8 What was written above the door of the maze?
- 9 Why did Mr Humphreys think the maze was too easy?
- 10 What was on top of the stone column in the centre of the maze?
- 11 Why did Mr Humphreys suddenly feel afraid?
- 12 Where was old Mr Wilson buried?
- 13 Who wanted to come and see the gardens?
- 14 What book did Mr Humphreys find in the library?

- 15 Mr Humphreys looked out of the window before he went to bed.
- (a) What did he see in the maze?
 - (b) What did he think it was?
 - (c) What strange thing did Mr Humphreys see in the gardens?
- 16 Mr Humphreys read a story in the book called *The Secret of the Maze*. What was in the centre of the maze? Did the traveller find the centre of the maze?
- 17 In the story, the traveller heard a voice.
- (a) What did the voice say?
 - (b) What did the traveller choose?
 - (c) Did the traveller ever get out of the maze?
- 18 Mr Humphreys had a dream. Where was he? Who came to help him in his dream?
- 19 Next morning, Mr Humphreys examined the globe carefully.
- (a) What was drawn round the centre of the globe?
 - (b) What was written on the globe?
- 20 What happened when Mr Humphreys tried to take Lady Wardrop to the centre of the maze?
- 21 Why did Lady Wardrop want to know if the stones in the Roman temple were numbered?
- 22 What was growing outside the library window?
- 23 Mr Humphreys saw a black mark in the centre of the plan.
- (a) What happened when he looked down at the mark?
 - (b) What was coming up out of the hole?
- 24 The doctor told Cooper that Mr Humphreys was speaking very strangely.
- (a) What did Mr Humphreys want to know about the stones in the Roman temple?
 - (b) What did he want Cooper to do to the metal globe and the trees of the maze?
- 25 What did the gardeners find in the metal globe?
- 26 There were letters on the stones. The letters made a message in Latin. What did Lady Wardrop say the words meant?

THE LOST CROWNS OF ANGLIA

- 1 Where is Seaburgh?
- 2 How many guests were in the hotel?
- 3 Why did Paxton want to talk to someone?
- 4 What happened to the three crowns of Anglia when the king died?
- 5 What did people believe about the crowns?
- 6 What did people believe about the family called Ager?
- 7 When did the last person in the Ager family die? Where was he buried?
- 8 Why did Paxton feel strange when he was digging?
- 9 What was Paxton going to do with the crown?
- 10 How many people did the porter think were with Paxton?
- 11 Paxton put the crown back in the ground.
 - (a) What question did he ask in a loud voice?
 - (b) What answer did he get to his question?
- 12 What did Paxton do early in the morning?
- 13 What had happened at Preston the day before? How do we know this?
- 14 They saw Paxton's footsteps in the sand. What other marks did they see?
- 15 What happened to Paxton?
- 16 Why did Henry and the Storyteller not tell the police what they had seen?
- 17 Why did they not go back to find the crown?