

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.

- 1 On Sunday night, the security guards **were not working** in the museum. (not work)
- 2 On Monday morning, nobody **was visiting** the museum because it was closed. (visit)
- 3 While the police **were investigating** the crime, someone contacted a newspaper. (investigate)
- 4 The mysterious caller said the police **were not looking** in the right place. (not look)
- 5 Nobody knew that Peruggia **was hiding** the painting in his wardrobe. (hide)

7 Write sentences with the past progressive and simple past.

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

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

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

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

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

- 6 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?