

John Doe Antoinette Moses

Before reading

- Look at the cover. What can you see? What do you think the book is about?
- Look at the blurb on the back cover and *People in the story* on page 4. Guess. Who is the man in hospital? Why doesn't he answer any questions? What does the doctor find out?
- Look at the pictures on pages 5, 7, 11 and 13. Where does the story begin? Tick the right one.
 - in a hotel
 - in a hospital
 - in a television studio
- If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

- True, false or don't know?
 - The man in hospital doesn't know his name.
 - Doctor Cox is nice to the man.
 - The man's family are looking for him.
 - The man lives in Exeter, Devon.
 - The man saw a film called 'John Doe'.
- Chapter 1 ends: 'I need to ask you some questions.' 'OK, Doctor,' said John. 'Ask your questions.'

Write five questions for Doctor Cox to ask the man.

- Look at the picture on page 7. Copy the form and complete it with your ideas.

CHAPTER 2

- Who said what?
 - 'I have lots of names.'
 - 'I'm going on holiday tomorrow.'
 - 'And how are we today?'
 - 'You're going to be sorry.'

Doctor Cox John Nurse Angela
- Guess. Where is Doctor Cox going on holiday? Where is he going to stay? Who is he going with?
- Imagine you are Nurse Angela. Write some notes about John for Doctor Cox.

CHAPTER 3

- Put the events in the right order.
 - Mary's friend went to the police.
 - Mary died.
 - Jenny went to the television studio in York.
 - John Roberts had dinner at Mary's house.
 - Mary's friend went to Mary's house.
 - Mary met a man called John Roberts.
 - Jenny gave Susan a photograph of John Roberts.
 - Mary wrote a letter to her mother.
- Look at page 19. Imagine you are Jenny on the TV programme 'Crimeseek'. What are you going to say?

CHAPTER 4

- Look at the words in italics. Who is *I*, *you*, *he*, *she*?
 - I* followed her home.
 - She* lives with another nurse.
 - Yesterday, *he* went on holiday.
 - Tim* going to York for a week.'
 - I* didn't say anything. But *I* was thinking.
 - She* wanted a hot bath and a drink.
 - 'Oh no. *He* can't remember.'
 - I* thought *he* was well.
 - '*You* are very nice to me.'
 - 'Would *you* like something to eat?'

Nurse Angela John Doctor Cox

- What do you think is going to happen next?

CHAPTER 5

- Correct the summary.

Doctor Cox was on holiday in Exeter with his brother. He saw a photograph of John Roberts in the newspaper. He phoned the television studio and spoke to Susan Peters. Doctor Cox went to the police station. It was a long way from the hotel. Detective Brown said that John Doe had left the hospital two days ago. Someone knew where he was. Doctor Cox phoned the hospital and spoke to Nurse Angela.

- What do you think is going to happen next?

CHAPTER 6

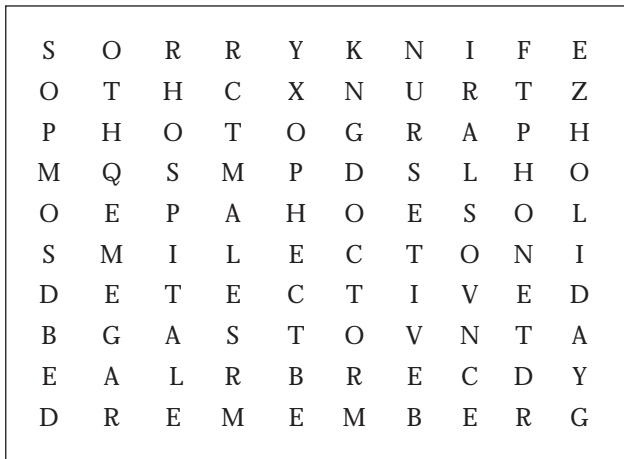
- True or false?
 - John went to the shop to get some milk.
 - Angela talked to the police on the phone.
 - John didn't want to talk to Doctor Cox.
 - John wanted to kill Angela.
 - The police knew that John was in Angela's house.
- Who ...
 - was waiting for Angela in the kitchen?
 - phoned Angela at home?
 - was waiting outside Angela's house?
 - didn't want John to know that she was afraid?
 - took John away?
 - wanted to know if Angela was OK?

John Doctor Cox Angela the police

After reading

Choose some of these activities.

1. Choose five of the pictures. Write a sentence about each one.
2. Make up a new title for the story and new chapter titles.
3. Which character do you like the most? Why?
4. Look at page 27.
Doctor Cox phoned the hospital. Write his conversation.
or
Jenny phoned the Exeter police. Write her conversation.
5. Imagine you work for a newspaper. Write a list of questions to ask Angela.
6. Write a letter from Angela to a friend telling her about what happened.
7. What happens after the end of the story? Write about what happens to John Doe, Nurse Angela and Doctor Cox.
8. Word search. There are 12 words from the story in this puzzle. How many can you find?



9. Make your own activities for other students to do.
e.g. Make a word search puzzle or write some True/False questions.
10. Here is the blurb from another book at this level.

Help!

Frank Wormold is a writer. He doesn't have much money and his wife is unhappy. To help him finish one of his stories he starts to use a computer. But the computer gives him more help than he wants. Then he really needs 'help'!

Do you want to read *Help!*?

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