

# 3B Grammar

## Future in the past; Narrative tenses

### THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING PAINTING

On 26th April 1879 a painting was discovered missing from the library of Gray Manor. The house was searched from top to bottom but the painting could not be found. Six people were in the house at the time.

#### Suspect 1: Dorian Gray

Widower Dorian Gray owned the valuable painting of his late wife, Annabelle, which <sup>1</sup>went / had gone missing. He had bought the painting for £500 from Basil Hallwood and insured it for the sum of £2,000. He loved the painting dearly and <sup>2</sup>would look / was looking at it daily, as the sole reminder of his wife. He <sup>3</sup>would not sell / wasn't selling it, despite many offers from art collectors.

#### Suspect 2: Charlotte Gray

Charlotte, Dorian's daughter, <sup>4</sup>was feeling / was to feel angry with Alan, a poor artist and friend of the family, who <sup>5</sup>borrowed / had been borrowing more and more money from her. She recently lied to Alan about leaving university; in fact she <sup>6</sup>had already been thrown out / had already thrown out. She <sup>7</sup>had been / was ashamed and <sup>8</sup>didn't want / wasn't wanting to confide in anyone.

#### Suspect 3: Alan Campbell

Alan <sup>9</sup>had stayed / was staying with Dorian for a few weeks while Charlotte was there. He was deeply in love with Charlotte, but also deeply in debt to her. Alan <sup>10</sup>had recently had / was recently having an argument with Charlotte. She <sup>11</sup>had told / was telling him that she <sup>12</sup>had left / left university and <sup>13</sup>was expected / was expecting to be cut off from her father's money.

#### Suspect 4: Basil Hallwood

Basil was the artist who <sup>14</sup> painted / was painting the missing picture. He <sup>15</sup>had not been going to give / didn't give the picture to Dorian because he <sup>16</sup>had never liked / didn't like it (or the late Annabelle Gray), but Dorian <sup>17</sup>was insisting / had insisted on paying for it. Since he sold the painting, he had begun to paint in a new style and the price of his work had increased dramatically.

#### Suspect 5: Sybil Vane

Sybil <sup>18</sup>was / had been a very close friend of Dorian's late wife, Annabelle. She was the only person who <sup>19</sup>had known / knew that Annabelle <sup>20</sup>had hated / hated the picture painted by Basil. Sybil strongly disliked all the men in the house, and <sup>21</sup>only ever visited / was only ever visiting when Charlotte was home from university.

#### Suspect 6: Lord Henry

Lord Henry, Dorian's best friend and a rich art collector, <sup>22</sup>tried / had been trying to buy the picture from Dorian for years. He <sup>23</sup>was / had been secretly in love with Dorian's wife. He had confessed his love to Sybil, in a moment of desperation, and lived in fear that she <sup>24</sup>would reveal / would have revealed his secret to Dorian and that he would never get the painting.

#### Dorian Gray – You are innocent

You went to bed at 1:00 am after saying goodnight to the picture.  
You walked past Alan's room and saw the room was empty on your way to bed.  
You heard Basil in the room next door moving around very late in the night.

#### Alan Campbell – You are innocent

You went to bed at 9:00 pm after a fight with Charlotte.  
You went to Charlotte's room to apologise around 12:30 am.  
You saw Lord Henry going downstairs at around 1:30 am.

#### Charlotte Gray – You are innocent

You went to your room at 9:00 pm after a fight with Alan.  
You made up with Alan when he came to your room between 12:30 am and 1:30 am.  
You heard someone dragging something through the upstairs hall at about 2:45 am and again at 3:30 am.

#### Basil Hallwood – You are guilty

You burnt the picture because you felt it damaged your reputation as an artist.  
You went downstairs at 3:15 am, took the picture and burnt it in your room.  
You must lie about your movements to protect yourself.

#### Sybil Vane – You are innocent

You went to bed at 11:00 pm but woke up again at 2:00 am.  
You got up in the night to get a chair from the library at about 2:45 am, so you could read by the fire in your room. You're sure the painting was still on the wall then.

#### Lord Henry – You are innocent

You went downstairs at 1:30 am to say goodnight to Annabelle's picture and it was still there. This will reveal you were in love with her, so you must lie.  
You heard Charlotte, Alan and Sybil's doors open during the night. You fell asleep at about 3:00 am.