

## 探偵コース1 課題1

## The Case of the Missing Ring

## Episode 1 : Questioning Ralph Hummingbird

**Recap!**

In the intro to the series, you learned about the Hummingbird family. Cynthia Hummingbird's granddaughter, Emma, is about to be wed. There is only one problem! The wedding ring has been stolen. This ruby ring is a family treasure. Detective Bossley will be conducting the investigation. He will question all of the residents of Hummingbird Manor. Cynthia is filming the investigations. Why would she do this? You be the detective! The first suspect is Ralph Hummingbird.

**Fact File:**

Relationship to widow: Son

Location of questioning: Living room

**【Reading - Emma のお父さん Ralph に事情聴取】**

**Detective:** Sorry to interrupt your show, Ralph. Could you tell me where you were the night the ruby ring disappeared?

**Ralph:** I was watching reruns <sup>(1)</sup> of your murder mystery with my mother. She can't get enough of reality TV.

**Detective:** I'm glad you enjoyed the series. Let's get down to business <sup>(2)</sup>, shall we? Tell me about your relationship with your mother.

**Ralph:** My mother means the world <sup>(3)</sup> to me. I miss my father, though.

**Detective:** I hear Mr. Hummingbird was a fine business man. You were born with a silver spoon in your mouth <sup>(4)</sup>, weren't you?

**Ralph:** Yes, but money means nothing <sup>(5)</sup> to me. I care more about love.

**Detective:** Do you love your wife?

**Ralph:** Of course. Lila is the love of my life <sup>(6)</sup>. I just wish she felt the same way about me.

**Detective:** Let me guess. Things changed when you had the twins?

**Ralph:** Bingo <sup>(7)</sup>! Lila used to look at me like Paul gawks at Emma. You know the look. My mother looks at you that way. You *and* Paul.

**Detective:** Is that jealousy I sense? Your daughter's fiancé *is* a handsome man.

**Ralph:** Jealousy? Don't be ridiculous. I'm happy for Emma. She doesn't realize how lucky she is.

**Detective:** Really? Does it bother you that your mother adores Paul?

**Ralph:** On the contrary <sup>(8)</sup>. If my mother didn't approve of Paul, Emma wouldn't be marrying him. She'd lose her inheritance and the guest house.

**Detective:** Is that right? And Emma has her heart set on <sup>(9)</sup> those things, I assume.

**Ralph:** Actually, Emma doesn't care as much about money as her mother

does. She'd be happy living in the jungle. It's me that wants Emma to move into the guest house. The sooner Lila and I can have an empty nest (10), the better!

### 【Vocabulary】

1. Reruns - past television episodes (also called repeats)
2. *to get down to business* - to focus on the important matter
3. *to mean the world to someone* - to be very important to someone
4. born with a silver spoon in one's mouth - rich at birth, never had to worry about money
5. *to mean nothing to be* - unimportant
6. the love of one's life - one's true love
7. Bingo! - a way of saying you guessed or answered correctly
8. on the contrary - introduces an opposite example or idea
9. *to have one's heart set on something* - to really want something
10. empty nest - a home (or feeling) after the grown children have moved out

### 【Listening】

下記URLをクリックすると音声が出ます。

<https://esllibrary.com/courses/79/lessons/1806/audio.mp3>

### 【WRITING】

質問に100words以内で答えましょう。答えを書く際には質問の番号を書きましょう。例) 1. I think...

1. According to Ralph, how does Cynthia feel about Paul?
2. According to Ralph, how does Emma feel about her inheritance?
3. Why does Ralph want his daughter to get married?
4. Do you think Ralph is the thief? Why or why not?
5. Do you think Ralph is jealous of Paul? Explain your answer.

※質問に答える代りに、ストーリーの要約をお書きいただくこともできます。

*Stay Tuned!* Episode № 2

The next suspect is **Lila Hummingbird**.  
Review the intro to this series to find out  
her relationship to the widow.

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