Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

The Mystery of the Missing Trophy

MUST · MIGHT · CAN'T · WORKSHEET

1 Listen to Mr Hughes. Answer the questions.

1. What has disappeared? _____
2. When did Mr Brown last see it? _____
3. Why does Mr Hughes think someone used a key? _____
4. How many keys open the cabinet? _____
5. Why does the team need the trophy on Saturday? _____

2 Rewrite the sentences with *must*, *might* or *can't*.

sure = must · perhaps = might / may / could · impossible = can't · past → modal + **have** + 3rd form

1. I'm sure the trophy is in the building.

   _____

2. Perhaps Jake knows something.

   _____

3. It's impossible that Mrs Lane is the thief.

   _____

4. I'm sure someone opened the cabinet with a key.

   _____

5. Perhaps the cleaner saw something.

   _____

6. It's impossible that Mr Brown took it – he was in Brighton.

   _____

3 The suspects. Ask your partner and complete the table.

Don't show your clue cards! Read them aloud or answer your partner's questions.

Suspect	Where were they? When?	Key?	must / might / can't have…
Mr Brown caretaker			
Mrs Lane headteacher			
Ms Okafor PE teacher			
Jake Year 11, team captain			

4 Our verdict

We think it must have been… because… · It can't have been… because… · He / She might have…

The most important clue was:

Clue cards

Cut out. One set A and one set B for each pair. Student A gets only A cards, student B only B cards.

STUDENT A · CLUE 1

Mr Brown left school at 4 pm. He took the train to Brighton for his daughter's wedding party. He has photos from the party, 6 pm – 11 pm.

STUDENT B · CLUE 1

In detention, Mr Ali took Jake's phone away. At 4.45 pm Mr Ali gave it back to him in the staffroom. Mr Ali was with Jake the whole time, and at 5 pm he drove him home to Leyton.

STUDENT A · CLUE 2

Mrs Lane was at a meeting at the town hall from 4 pm to 7 pm. Ten people saw her there.

STUDENT B · CLUE 2

The list in the key box says: "Cabinet key – out 5.05 pm – A.O." Nobody wrote when the key came back.

STUDENT A · CLUE 3

Jake had detention until 4.30 pm. At 4.45 pm a cleaner saw him near the staffroom.

STUDENT B · CLUE 3

Ms Okafor's first name is Adaeze.

STUDENT A · CLUE 4

A cleaner cleaned the main hall from 4.10 to 4.40 pm. The trophy was still in the cabinet when she left.

STUDENT B · CLUE 4

Ms Okafor was in the gym with the girls' team until 5 pm.

STUDENT A · CLUE 5

Ms Okafor's car left the school car park at 5.20 pm.

STUDENT B · CLUE 5

A receipt in the PE office bin: "Silver Star Engraving, Mare Street. 5.40 pm. Clean and engrave: 1 trophy. Ready: Saturday 9 am."

STUDENT A · CLUE 6

On Thursday morning Ms Okafor told the school office that she had left her keys at home.

STUDENT B · CLUE 6

The main hall has a back door. It opens from the PE corridor, and PE teachers often use it.

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