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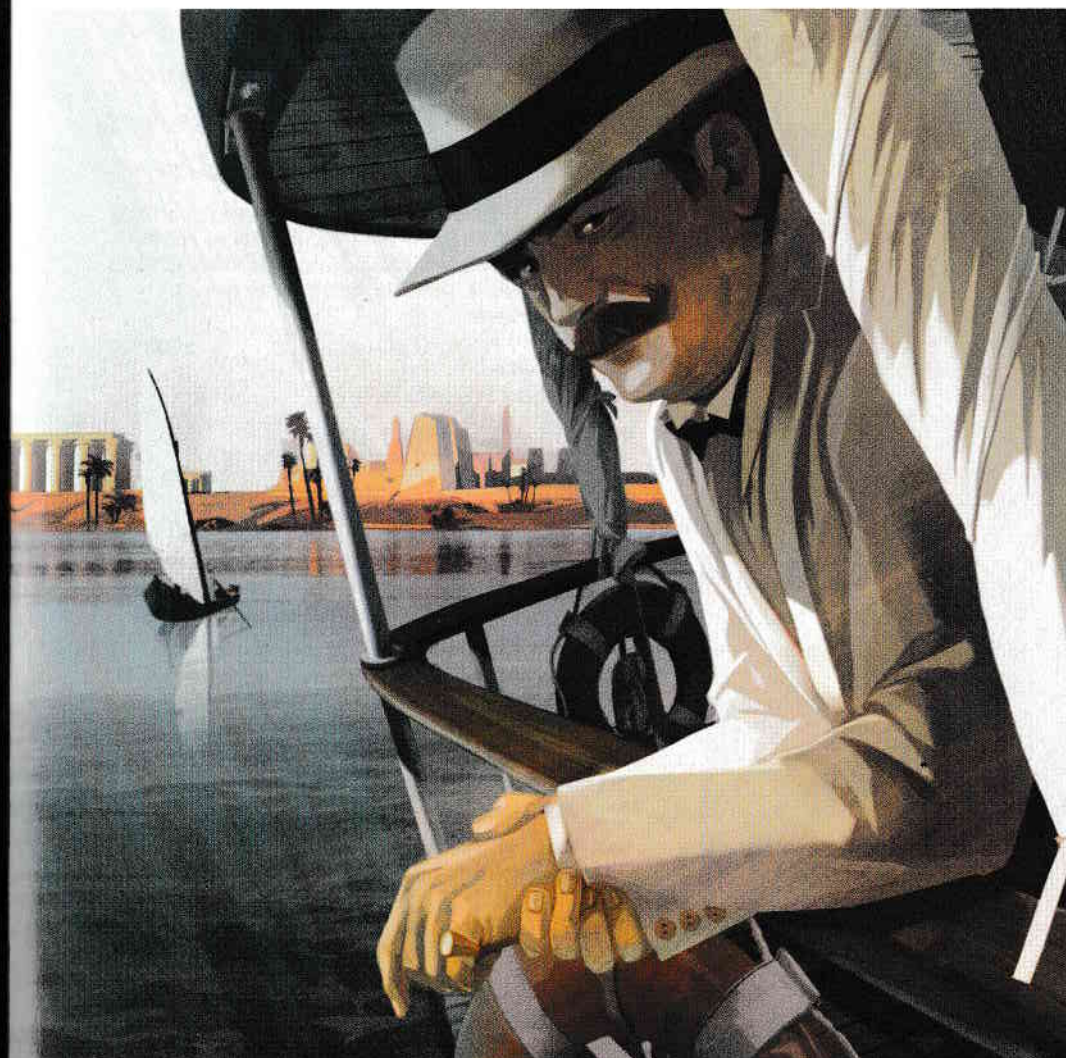
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- 2 will steal something valuable.
- 3 will break 's heart.

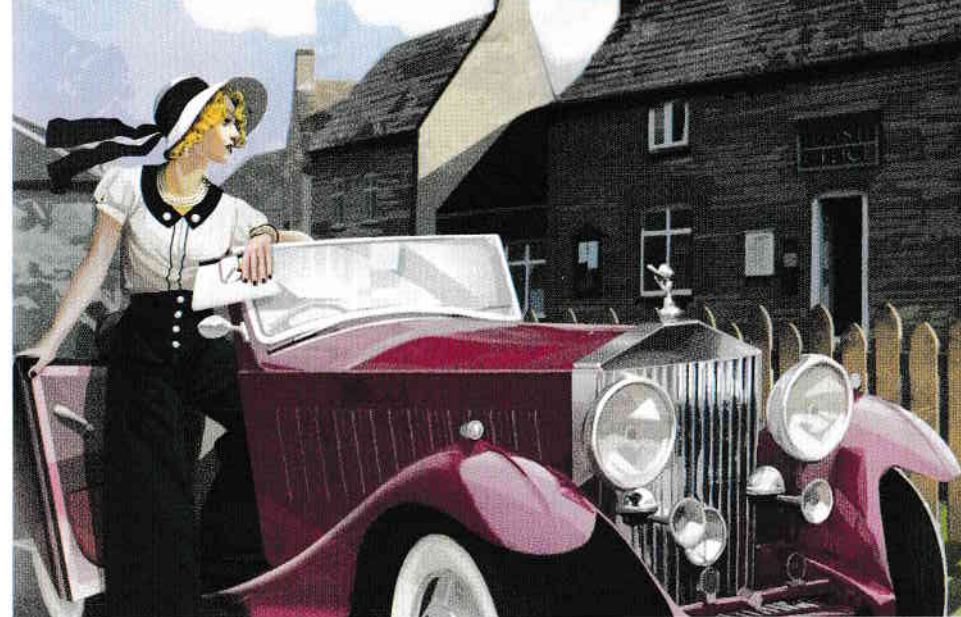
Compare your answers with a partner. (Remember! If you have read the book or seen the film, NO SPOILERS!)

Vocabulary

- 2 These words are all used in Chapter 1. Match the words (1-12) to the right definition (a-l). Use a dictionary, if necessary.

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 ☐ clumsy | 5 ☐ darling | 9 ☐ stare |
| 2 ☐ gratitude | 6 ☐ engaged | 10 ☐ by chance |
| 3 ☐ trustee | 7 ☐ honeymoon | 11 ☐ wonder |
| 4 ☐ passionately | 8 ☐ blush | 12 ☐ servant |

- a means the same as *my love* or *my dear*
- b a holiday for a couple who have just married
- c when a couple have agreed to marry each other
- d when your face turns red because you are feeling shy or embarrassed
- e the feeling of being thankful because someone has done something good for you
- f someone whose job is to help a rich person with his or her daily life
- g by accident, by luck
- h speaking or acting with strong feelings, such as love or anger
- i awkward; someone who is always breaking things
- j a person who manages money for someone, often until that person is a legal adult
- k to look at something with attention for a long time
- l to ask yourself a question



CHAPTER ONE

DREAMS OF EGYPT



Linnet Ridgeway! That's her!' said Mr Burnaby, as he looked out the window of the Three Crowns pub.¹ He and his friend stared. A red Rolls-Royce² had just stopped in front of the village post office. A girl jumped out, a confident, beautiful girl with golden hair.

'She'll bring money into this town,' said Mr Burnaby. 'Her mother was the only daughter of one of those American millionaires.'

As she drove away, the other man followed her with his eyes. 'Money and looks! It doesn't seem fair.'

'You know, Linnet, I really do envy you,' said Joanna Southwood. She and Linnet Ridgeway were in the bedroom of Linnet's beautiful old

1. **pub** : usually in the UK or Ireland; a place where people can have drinks or a meal.
2. **Rolls-Royce** : a kind of sports car.

house. Joanna went on.³ 'Here you are at twenty, with money, looks, perfect health. You've even got *brains*!⁴ When will you be twenty-one?'

'Next June,' said Linnet. 'I shall have a grand coming-of-age party⁵ in London.'

Joanna picked up a pearl necklace⁶ from a table. 'Darling, these really are incredible. Let me wear them till dinnertime. It would be so exciting.'

Linnet laughed. 'Of course, if you like.'

Just then, one of Linnet's servants told her that she had a telephone call. Linnet left the room for a few minutes. When she came back, she was smiling.

'Jackie's on her way from London,' Linnet said. 'Jacqueline de Bellefort. We've known each other since we were children. Poor Jackie — she's had the most terrible bad luck. Her parents lost all their money in the Wall Street Crash and left her with nothing.'

Linnet's maid⁷ entered the room. She took a dress from the wardrobe and carried it away quietly. There were tears in her eyes.

'What's the matter with Marie?' asked Joanna.

'Poor thing! She wanted to marry a man who has a job in Egypt. But she didn't know anything about him, so I had him investigated. Imagine, he had a wife already — and three children.'

'You've made an enemy of that man, Linnet.' Joanna smiled. 'I'm sure you've got plenty of them.'

'Enemies?' Linnet was surprised. 'I haven't got an enemy in the world.'

3. **went on** : past tense of the verb *go on*; continue.

4. **brains** : intelligence.

5. **coming-of-age party** : a party given when someone becomes a legal adult.

6. **pearl necklace** :



7. **maid** : a female servant.



Jacqueline de Bellefort arrived later that afternoon. She was a pretty girl, small and thin, with dark, curly hair and large, dark eyes. She ran to Linnet and hugged her.

'Linnet!' she said. 'I'm engaged!' Jacqueline went on, talking quickly. The man's name was Simon Doyle. They wanted to marry as soon as possible, but Simon had lost his job and they had no money. 'Linnet, I shall *die* unless I can marry him!' Jacqueline said passionately. 'I shall die! I shall die! I shall *die*! You've got to help us. You'll need a land agent⁸ here. I want you to give the job to Simon. Please, Linnet! Beautiful Linnet! My own special Linnet! Say you'll do it!'

Linnet was laughing. 'Bring along your young man and let me have a look at him. We'll talk it over.'

Jacqueline kissed her. 'Darling Linnet — you're a real friend!'

Chez Ma Tante was one of the most fashionable restaurants in London. Even rich and famous people might wait hours for a table there. But the little Belgian man with the enormous moustache never had any trouble.

'Naturally, for *you* there is *always* a table, Monsieur Poirot!' said the manager. He spoke more quietly. 'Tell me, are you working on a case⁹ at the moment?'

Poirot shook his head sadly. 'Unfortunately, no. I have enough money now to enjoy a life without work. Still, there is more time for travel. This winter I shall visit Egypt.'

Hercule Poirot sat at his table alone. A jazz band was playing and the dance floor was full. Poirot noticed a young couple: a tall, handsome man with blue eyes and curly, brown hair and a

8. **land agent** : someone who manages the business of a large house with land.

9. **case** : (here) a mystery or crime to investigate.