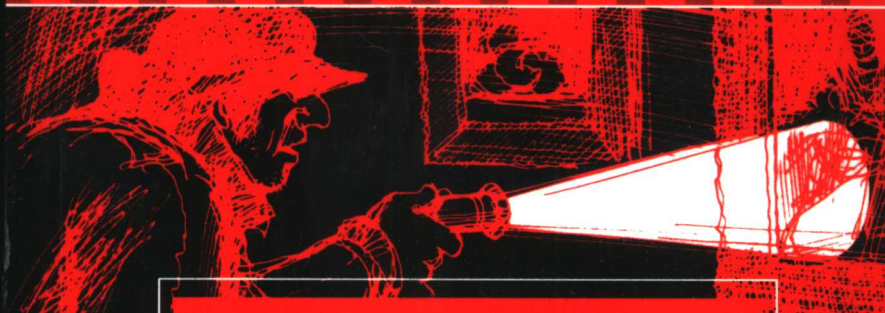


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## 简介

特工亨特是个谍场老手,不管在国内还是国外,他总是冒着生命危险及时赶到现场,他的同事都把他看成独行侠。亨特经常千钧一发地虎口脱险,他在工作中取得了巨大的成功。

英国许多博物馆被盗走了价值连城的油画。莫斯科也有类似事件发生,并且这种犯罪扩大到了一个出人意料的范围。

亨特出动了。当几幅画在纽约拍卖会上露面的时候,所有事情看来都乱了套:亨特的行李不见了,本来应该和他合作的俄国女间谍奥尔佳原来是个经验丰富的竞争对手,亨特穷于应付这个精力充沛的女同事,以前制定的全盘计划只好落空。

他宁愿自己一个人去调查,同样奥尔佳也希望自己去解决这些事。然而他们的隐蔽身份被识破了……

亨特和奥尔佳能找到丢失的画吗?能抓住犯罪分子吗?时间越来越紧迫……

## An almost perfect coup

Agent Hunter nervously held the steering wheel of his car. It was raining. He was stuck in a traffic jam. He was going to be late for work.

### Exercise 1

Make compound words by choosing one from the right column and one from the left column.

- |               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. traffic    | <input type="checkbox"/> stop      |
| 2. car        | <input type="checkbox"/> transport |
| 3. road       | <input type="checkbox"/> centre    |
| 4. pedestrian | <input type="checkbox"/> jam       |
| 5. bus        | <input type="checkbox"/> road      |
| 6. rush       | <input type="checkbox"/> park      |
| 7. street     | <input type="checkbox"/> crossing  |
| 8. city       | <input type="checkbox"/> hour      |
| 9. main       | <input type="checkbox"/> sign      |
| 10. public    | <input type="checkbox"/> lamp      |

His landlord, Mr Jones, had delayed him this morning. He'd come to repair a blocked pipe, and to tell Hunter about a new "dream woman" that he'd found for him.

Normally it was enough for the landlord if Hunter listened to him for a couple of minutes, nodding his head in agreement from time to time. But today he hadn't been able to escape. The drain pipe in the kitchen had been in urgent need of repair, and he hadn't wanted to leave the landlord alone in his flat.

The nosy old man would have been sure to snoop around the flat

and, in the end, discover his true identity. He would have found out that Hunter did not work for the City of London, but was an agent in the British Secret Service. It was already hard enough to explain why he, a good-looking forty-five-year-old man, wasn't married. "Every successful man needs a wife," said Mr Jones to Hunter, every time he found yet another perfect woman for him. Today it was one of the caretaker's nieces, whom he talked about as he went from his toolbox to the pipe and back again.

### Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with the letter whose first letter has already been offered.

1. I've got one brother and two s \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My mother's mother is my g \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I've got a little girl. She's my d \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My brother's son is my n \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My brother's little girl is my n \_\_\_\_\_.
6. My father's brother is my u \_\_\_\_\_ and his wife is my a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I'm married to a man called Andy. He's my h \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My uncle has two sons. They're my c \_\_\_\_\_.
9. My brother's wife is my s \_\_\_\_\_.
10. My father's second wife is my s \_\_\_\_\_.

"Jeanette is a charming girl. From one of the best families in Hampstead," the landlord had told him, holding a photo under his nose of a fat girl of about twenty smiling at the camera.

Hunter had remained polite. "Very nice," he had said. Remember-

ing a short, but very exhausting love affair with a thirty-year-old, he had added, "but she's much too young."

Jones had not given up. "But a woman has to be young."

Hunter had not been interested enough to ask why.

### • Exercise 3

Match the words with their antonyms.

- |                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. young       | <input type="checkbox"/> boring    |
| 2. best        | <input type="checkbox"/> long      |
| 3. fat         | <input type="checkbox"/> fast      |
| 4. short       | <input type="checkbox"/> worst     |
| 5. hard        | <input type="checkbox"/> old       |
| 6. interesting | <input type="checkbox"/> noisy     |
| 7. polite      | <input type="checkbox"/> difficult |
| 8. quiet       | <input type="checkbox"/> rude      |
| 9. easy        | <input type="checkbox"/> thin      |
| 10. slow       | <input type="checkbox"/> soft      |

"I'm afraid I don't have time to continue this fascinating conversation, Mr Jones. I've got to get to work, otherwise I'll be in trouble," he had said, stroking the landlord's old collie dog on the head.

"I understand, Mr Hunter. I've finished now," Jones had replied, and quickly closed his toolbox. "Have a nice day," he said on his way out, but stopped at the door. "Come on, Sammy, hurry up. Mr Hunter's got to get to work."

The old dog had got up slowly and sniffed Hunter's leg one more time as he went past.

And that was why he was stuck in this traffic jam, annoyed with himself for taking the car just because he'd thought it would be faster than going by underground.





## Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the given words.

department, museums, newspapers, paintings,  
quickly, sign, thieves, wall

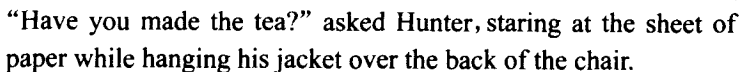
It was typical that this had to happen now, when those art 1. \_\_\_\_\_ were getting more and more dating. Valuable 2. \_\_\_\_\_ had been stolen from several 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in London and other cities. The thieves had hung a 4. \_\_\_\_\_ on the empty space on the 5. \_\_\_\_\_ that said: "This picture is currently being restored."

It was a huge scandal. The 6. \_\_\_\_\_ had been reporting on the thefts for weeks, and Dr Callaghan, Hunter's boss and the head of the 7. \_\_\_\_\_ for National Security was slowly losing patience. She had given him the job of finding out who was responsible as 8. \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.

Agent Hunter walked into his office thirty minutes late. It didn't normally matter if he was a few minutes late, but he had once been transferred to a desk job, just because of something quite unimportant. Although he had been told that this transfer was a promotion, he did not want to have to sit behind a desk again. He was a very experienced agent, and was only happy when he was out on an assignment.

"Morning, Boss," his assistant Percy Horn greeted him, holding out an official letter. Percy was very enthusiastic, and he was never late for work.

Percy was twenty-eight years old, fresh from the Academy, and it had always been his dream to become an agent.



Write out the English of the given Chinese and make the letters in the boxes a complete word.

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1. 酒精, 烈酒 | — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — —       |
| 2. 果汁     | — — — — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — — |
| 3. 牛奶     | <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — —         |
| 4. 咖啡     | — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — —       |
| 5. 葡萄酒    | — — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — —     |
| 6. 茶      | — — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — —     |
| 7. 香迪啤酒   | — — — — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — — |
| 8. 啤酒     | — <input type="checkbox"/> — — — — —       |

所组的词：\_\_\_\_\_

“Urgent! Top secret! Urgent!” it said on the letter that Percy was still holding out towards him. “Moscow wants to collaborate with us!” Hunter read.

The Russians had heard about the art thefts in England. Recently pictures had been stolen from several museums in Russia, too. According to the letter, even the State Treasury of Russia was in danger. The police and the Secret Service were asking if they could work together to catch the criminals.

"This is final proof that we're dealing with an international gang," said Hunter, and took the letter from Percy.

"The tea will be ready in a minute," said Percy, quickly taking a

cup and filling it with the hot drink. "But Boss, I always thought that really valuable pictures couldn't be stolen, because they're so well protected. With alarm systems and security cameras and things like that," he added as he put the tea in front of Hunter, without spilling any, for once.

"That's what I thought, too," said Hunter, taking a sip from the cup, "but unfortunately the museums don't have enough money to protect all of the pictures. There are just too many."

"Yes," nodded Percy, knowingly, "when I was a little boy I went to a museum once, and there were lots and lots of pictures there."

### • Exercise 6

Make words with the given letters and then put them into the blanks.

1. There are a lot of paintings in that \_\_\_\_\_ (sumume).
2. The artist painted a \_\_\_\_\_ (artropti) of the Queen.
3. They phoned the \_\_\_\_\_ (locpie).
4. Her pictures are on display in the National Portrait \_\_\_\_\_ (arlgley).
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ (feith) stole some valuable jewellery.
6. Don't tell anybody! It's a \_\_\_\_\_ (treces)!

Hunter grinned to himself. "That's true—there are often lots of pictures in museums. For example, there are over 5000 portraits in the National Portrait Gallery in St Martin's Place."

"My goodness," groaned Percy. "5000 dead people."

"Not only dead people," grinned Hunter, "there are a few portraits of people who are still alive, too. Elton John, to name but one."

"Hey, how long do you think it would take to look at all of them?"

Percy asked.

"No idea," said Hunter, "but you don't have time to go to museums at the moment anyway. We've got too much work to do."

### Exercise 7

Choose the right words according to the text.

"That's right." Hunter 1. listened/heard the voice of Dr Helene Callaghan, his new 2. boss/chief, behind him, smartly dressed as usual. Today she was wearing a blood-red 3. suit/costume, which made an extremely fashionable contrast to her cinnamon-coloured 4. hairs/hair.

She's a very attractive 5. wife/woman, thought Hunter, not for the first time, eyeing her discreetly. "Here you are," said Dr Callaghan, holding an envelope towards him.

"What's this?" Hunter 6. wanted to/would know.

"Your 7. ticket/card to New York. Some of the stolen paintings have turned up at art auctions there. You'll find the 8. exactly/exact details on this list."

"Hey, great, New York," said Percy in delight.

"Hunter's going. You're staying here," said Callaghan sternly, adding to Hunter, "You'd better go straight home and pack."

"But..." Percy tried to protest.

"No buts, Mr Horn. It isn't only the museums that are short of money."

Disappointed, Percy turned back to his computer, muttering "All I'm ever allowed to do is write reports."

"Someone has to hold the fort here, Agent Horn," said Dr Callaghan as she left the office.

## • Exercise 8

## Multiple choice.

1. Some of the pictures do not have alarms because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) it's too expensive
  - b) the pictures aren't valuable
  - c) the museums don't want an alarm system
2. Percy doesn't go to museums often because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) all the pictures are of dead people
  - b) he was never allowed to go there when he was a child
  - c) it takes a very long time to look at so many pictures
3. Dr Callaghan is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) stylish and well-dressed
  - b) wearing too many different colours
  - c) quite ugly

Hunter said goodbye to Percy and promised to bring him back a present from New York. He was already in the corridor when Percy called him back again. "Boss! Phone for you!"

It was Dr Callaghan. She'd forgotten to tell him that he would not be doing his investigations in New York alone. Olga Baturina, a Russian agent from Moscow, would be there too. The two of them were to form an international team and look for clues. Hunter thanked Callaghan for the information and left the Secret Service building in a very good mood. At last he was getting out of that boring office. Finally he was getting back to the "front line".

It had stopped raining, and the sun was shining in the bright blue sky. Olga—sounds good, thought Hunter while he was driving home. It's really going to be an exciting operation, over there in New York. On the way home he stopped at a perfume shop. There was no harm in getting some new aftershave.

### Exercise 9

Give the right process when you take a plane.

- a) go to the gate
- b) the plane lands
- c) buy some duty-free goods
- d) collect your suitcase from baggage reclaim
- e) check in your luggage
- f) board the plane
- g) go to the departure lounge
- h) go through passport control again
- i) show your boarding card
- j) the plane takes off
- k) go through passport control and the security check
- l) fasten your seatbelt

Key: 1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_

Two hours later, Hunter was at the airport checking in his three suitcases. Although the New York operation wasn't going to take more than three days, he had packed more than usual. He normally only travelled with the bare essentials and his secret agent equipment, all of which fitted into one large suitcase. However, since all those international terrorist attacks he no longer travelled with his equipment. The security checks were very thorough at the moment, and he didn't want to risk anyone discovering his secret identity. That is why he had only packed his best, most expensive suits in order to look like a rich art collector at the New York auctions. And he wanted to make a good impression on Olga, too.

### Exercise 10

Write out the words according to the definitions and the letters given.

1. s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ : to wash your hair
2. s \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ : to protect your skin from the hot sun
3. a t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ and t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ : to clean your teeth
4. a c \_ \_ \_ \_ : to take photos
5. s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ : to protect your eyes from the bright sun
6. a g \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ : contains useful information about a city

The flight began calmly. Nothing particular happened, except for the young couple in the first row whose young son got on the flight attendant's nerves with his screams and demands for attention.

Fortunately, Hunter was sitting far enough away not to be disturbed by this. Some people have strange ideas about the best way to bring up children, he thought to himself. The child should be sent to an English boarding school. That was the only place where boys were brought up to be men. After all, it hadn't done him any harm, he thought, remembering his hard schooldays. And he also thought about how and why the gangsters had taken the paintings to New York.

Two hours after take-off, the horrible little kid finally fell asleep. Hunter ordered a drink to help him sleep, too. A double vodka on ice, with which he drank to Olga's health.

### Exercise 11

Choose the right translations.

1. 飞机起飞。

- a) ☐ The plane started.  
b) ☐ The plane took off.
2. 那男孩冲着他的父母吼叫。  
a) ☐ The boy shouted at his parents.  
b) ☐ The boy cried at his parents.
3. 我想起了我在校的日子。  
a) ☐ I remember me my school time.  
b) ☐ I remember my schooldays.

New York, 8:30 p.m., John F. Kennedy Airport. Hunter had never been to the American metropolis before, and he felt a tingle of excitement at the thought of the adventure ahead of him.

First, however, Hunter had to wait for his three suitcases at baggage reclaim. Not one of them appeared. At the lost luggage counter he found out that his suitcases were still in London. Of course they would be sent to New York as quickly as possible. As quickly as possible meant at least twelve hours.

So this was his first challenge. All he had was his hand luggage containing shaving stuff and a few toiletries.

### • Exercise 12

Find out the words that doesn't belong to the given group.

1. to shave, to wash, to shower, to buy
2. soap, bathroom, toothpaste, shower gel
3. dressing gown, hairbrush, comb, hairdryer
4. suitcase, envelope, rucksack, overnight bag
5. suit, wallet, tie, trousers
6. slippers, shorts, shoes, boots





7. bedroom, dining room, bath, kitchen
8. taxi, traffic lights, bus, car
9. department store, boutique, bank, shoe shop
10. pub, hotel, guest house, bed and breakfast

His headquarters had given him a contact address in New York where he could get his equipment. He could get everything he needed there, even a gun, if necessary. But no new clothes. I really must go shopping somewhere, Hunter thought to himself.

If he was going to make people believe he was an art collector, he couldn't appear in a crumpled suit. And he didn't want to take Olga to dinner looking like this. Hunter got into a taxi, told the driver the name of his hotel, and explained his problem.

"No problem," said the driver, who introduced himself as Salvatore. Salvatore knew exactly where a man of the world bought his clothes, and that was in the shop owned by his fellow Italian, Giorgio Armani, on Fifth Avenue.

### Exercise 13

Find out the synonyms of the given words from the following passage.

1. one or two 2. big 3. reached 4. beside 5. selection 6. lack
7. but 8. gave 9. phone 10. difficulty

A couple of hours later, carrying lots of large bags, Hunter arrived at the exclusive Mayflower Hotel, right next to Central Park. The Secret Service had been generous in their choice of hotel, although they had said there was a shortage of money. On the other hand, an art collector certainly wouldn't stay at the YMCA.

Before he left, Salvatore handed Hunter his private phone number.