



MIXED TENSES 3

The Mystery of the Missing Painting

Last night, at the grand opening of the city's new art gallery, something unexpected (1. happen) _____. The highlight of the event (2. be) _____ the unveiling of a rare painting that (3. attract) _____ art enthusiasts from all over the world.

As the curator (4. reveal) _____ the painting, gasps (5. fill) _____ the room. The masterpiece, known as "The Enigmatic Muse," (6. disappear) _____ from its frame. Panic (7. ensue) _____ as security personnel (8. search) _____ the entire gallery. Everyone (9. wonder) _____ how such a valuable piece (10. vanish) _____ without a trace.

While the guests (11. speculate) _____ about the possible theft, a security camera (12. capture) _____ a mysterious figure who (13. move) _____ swiftly through the crowd just as the painting (14. disappear) _____. The authorities (15. review) _____ the footage carefully to identify the suspect.

By the time the police (16. arrive) _____ at the scene, the mystery figure (17. already, leave) _____. The curator, feeling distressed, (18. tell) _____ the investigators everything she (19. know) _____ about the painting and its history.

The investigation (20. continue) _____, and art experts (21. hope) _____ to recover the missing masterpiece soon.



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Answer Key:

1. happened
2. was
3. attracted
4. revealed
5. filled
6. disappeared
7. ensued
8. searched
9. wondered
10. vanished
11. speculated
12. captured
13. moved
14. disappeared
15. reviewed
16. arrived
17. had already left
18. told
19. knew
20. continued
21. hope