



WHO IS THE BURGLAR?

30 Conversation Cards



Name: Mary Johnson
Age: 22
Job: restaurant chef
Home: Arizona
Hobby: reading novels
Family: engaged, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

(1)



Name: James Williams
Age: 30
Job: business man
Home: Florida
Hobby: go skiing
Family: married, 1 son
Pet: cat Molly
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

(2)



Name: Trisha Jones
Age: 36
Job: doctor
Home: Kansas
Hobby: listening to music
Family: married, 2 daughters
Pet: dog Max
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

(3)



Name: Harry Brown
Age: 41
Job: judge
Home: North Carolina
Hobby: playing golf
Family: divorced, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

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Name: Linda Davis
Age: 30
Job: scientist
Home: Arizona
Hobby: go dancing
Family: married, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

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Name: Elizabeth Miller
Age: 19
Job: student
Home: Minnesota
Hobby: watching movies
Family: single, no kids
Pet: turtle Lucky
Shoe size: EUR 38, US 6

(6)



Name: Jenny Wilson
Age: 12
Job: student
Home: Hawaii
Hobby: go swimming
Family: single, no kids
Pet: hamster Fiffy
Shoe size: EUR 38, US 6

(7)



Name: Susan Moore
Age: 22
Job: teacher
Home: California
Hobby: playing scrabble
Family: married, 1 daughter
Pet: budgie Gertie
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

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Who is the Burglar? More Characters



Name: Betty Taylor
Age: 19
Job: student
Home: Texas
Hobby: go swimming
Family: single, no kids
Pet: cat Charlie
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

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Name: Robert Anderson
Age: 30
Job: builder
Home: Arizona
Hobby: watching movies
Family: married, 2 daughters
Pet: dog Sam
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

(10)



Name: Helen Jackson
Age: 59
Job: grandma
Home: Kansas
Hobby: reading novels
Family: married, 3 sons
Pet: poodles Jill and Joe
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

(11)



Name: William White
Age: 22
Job: professional hockey player
Home: Minnesota
Hobby: go skiing
Family: single, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 42, US 8,5

(12)



Name: Nancy Harris
Age: 36
Job: housewife
Home: California
Hobby: go dancing
Family: married, 2 sons
Pet: dog Simba
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

(13)



Name: Chris Thompson
Age: 41
Job: journalist
Home: Hawaii
Hobby: playing scrabble
Family: divorced, 1 son
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

(14)



Name: Paul Martin
Age: 55
Job: musician
Home: Florida
Hobby: go hiking
Family: divorced, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

(15)



Name: Steven Robinson
Age: 36
Job: artist
Home: North Carolina
Hobby: listening to music
Family: married, no kids
Pet: cat Misty
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

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Who is the Burglar? More Characters



Name: Ryan Clark
Age: 22
Job: college student
Home: California
Hobby: watching movies
Family: single, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 42, US 8,5
(17)



Name: Lilly Green
Age: 22
Job: marketing manager
Home: Texas
Hobby: go skiing
Family: engaged, no kids
Pet: cat Princess
Shoe size: EUR 40,
US 7,5 (18)



Name: Larry Baker
Age: 59
Job: actor
Home: Arizona
Hobby: playing scrabble
Family: married, 2 sons
Pet: dogs Duke and Codey
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5
(19)



Name: Shirley Adams
Age: 30
Job: accountant
Home: Hawaii
Hobby: go dancing
Family: married, 1 son
Pet: hamster Jonny
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5
(20)



Name: Jeffrey Turner
Age: 36
Job: tailor
Home: Kansas
Hobby: listening to music
Family: married, 1 son
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5
(21)



Name: Scott Phillips
Age: 22
Job: unemployed
Home: North Carolina
Hobby: go swimming
Family: girlfriend, no kids
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 42, US 8,5
(22)



Name: Kevin Parker
Age: 55
Job: scientist
Home: Florida
Hobby: playing golf
Family: married, no kids
Pet: white mouse Skippy
Shoe size: EUR 45, US
11,5 (23)



Name: Brenda Murphy
Age: 12
Job: student
Home: Minnesota
Hobby: reading novels
Family: single, no kids
Pet: cat Rupert
Shoe size: EUR 38, US 6
(24)

Who is the Burglar? More Characters



Name: Amy Morris
Age: 30
Job: fire fighter
Home: Texas
Hobby: listening to music
Family: boyfriend, 1 son
Pet: no
Shoe size: EUR 40, US 7,5

(25)



Name: Jason Roger
Age: 36
Job: lumberjack
Home: North Carolina
Hobby: go hiking
Family: married, no kids
Pet: dog Buster
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

(26)



Name: Anny Howard
Age: 12
Job: student
Home: Arizona
Hobby: watching movies
Family: single, no kids
Pet: cats Jim and John
Shoe size: EUR 38, US 6

(27)



Name: Carl Peterson
Age: 41
Job: janitor
Home: Hawaii
Hobby: playing scrabble
Family: divorced, 1 son
Pet: turtle Tom
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

(28)



Name: Scott Grey
Age: 19
Job: graduated student
Home: Florida
Hobby: go skiing
Family: engaged, no kids
Pet: hamster Spike
Shoe size: EUR 42, US 8,5

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Name: Terry Coleman
Age: 41
Job: news caster
Home: California
Hobby: reading novels
Family: married, 2 sons
Pet: dog Gizmo
Shoe size: EUR 45, US 11,5

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You are
a civilian



You
are the
burglar

Who is the Burglar?

BACKSIDE



Who?
What?
Why?



Who?
What?
Why?



Who?
What?
Why?



Who?
What?
Why?



Who?
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Who?
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WHO IS THE BURGLAR?

Teacher's Notes

This is a conversation game for elementary to lower intermediate students. Practise simple present QUESTIONS and ANSWERS. Set of 30 character cards (numbered 1-30).

How to play:

- 1) Tell the class that there has been a robbery and they will interview their fellow students to find out who the robber is.

STORY: Yesterday at 10:00 pm there was a robbery in the Bank in Central Lane. The police was called immediately to investigate the crime scene and found some evidence. It had snowed yesterday (or rained) there were footprints on the ground in the snow (or mud)...

- 2) Give each student a character card. Each card has a small number in the lower right corner (1-30) so to identify them easily. Make sure that you choose a number to be the burglar before you hand them out and know the personal info on the card.
- 3) Tell the students to look at their card and notice the number, but don't show anyone.
- 4) "Identify" the burglar by saying "Number 12 (or any other number) is the murderer" so only one person (and you) knows he is the burglar but should be secretive so that the others don't notice → You could also give out one "Burglar Card" and "Civilian Cards" for the rest of the students (see bottom of page 4) to assign the burglar...
- 5) Now give some information about the burglar

STORY: ...The police found some evidence at the crime scene. The footprints are in shoe size **EUR 45, US 11,5** (pick your shoe size according to the burglar character). And they also found... → insert some more information, choose two, or three from the list of personal info on the card and write it on the board:

Name: Terry Coleman	→ don't give this info
Age: 41	A birthday card saying "Happy 41 st birthday"
Job: news caster	A paycheck for a news caster (although all jobs are different and may not evoke enough "confusion") → maybe don't give this info
Home: California	A postcard from California
Hobby: reading novels	A big novel book
Family: married, 2 sons	A photo of two little boys
Pet: dog Gizmo	some dog hair

- 6) Tell your students to go round the class and ask/answer questions about the personal information and take notes (What's your name? What's your job? Where are you from? What are your hobbies? Are you married? Do you have any children? Do you have a pet?)
- 7) After a couple of minutes they should figure out whose personal information match the evidence on the board.

Have fun! ☺

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NOTE: You could leave the „burglar story“ out and just have the students take on the characters and ask questions to practise speaking.