

1a Complete the information about the book.

Title: *The*¹ *Talent / Talented Mr. Ripley*

By: Patricia² Greenleaf / Highsmith,
an³ American / English writer

She has written: ⁴ five / fifty books about the fraudster
Tom Ripley.

There is also a famous: ⁵ movie / play about the book.



1b Answer the questions about the story.

1 What is Ripley's special talent?

a art

b forgery

c writing

2 Where are the people in the story from?

a America

b Canada

c England

3 Where does the story mostly happen?

a France

b Greece

c Italy

4 When does the story happen?

a in the 1950s

b in the 1960s

c in the 1970s

5 How did people usually travel on long journeys then?

a by air

b by road

c by sea

6 What type of story is it?

a an adventure story

b a crime story

c a love story

2a Put the information in the correct column.

He can forge a check. He can't paint. He doesn't want to work. He disappears.
 He drinks gin and tonics. He has a trust fund. He has no bank account.
 He hates water. He loves Italy. He's arrogant. He's jealous. He loves sailing.
 He's running away from his family. He's running away from the police.
 He speaks Italian. He's twenty-five. His mother is ill. His parents are dead.

Richard (Dickie) Greenfield	Dickie and Tom	Tom Ripley

2b Who do you think is a better person, Dickie or Tom? Why?

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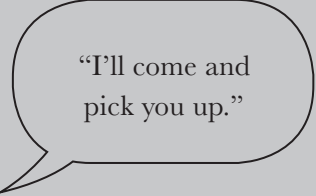
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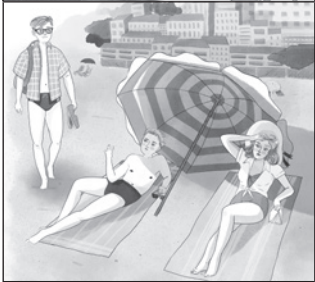




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3 Read the messages from the book and answer the questions.

Message	What type of message is it?	Where do we find it in the story?	Why is it important?
<p>AMERICAN MURDERED ON THE VIA APPIA ANTICA . . .</p> <p>VIA APPIA MURDER OF AMERICANO LAST NIGHT</p>			
<p>POLICE SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICAN</p> <p>Dickie Greenleaf, Friend of the Murdered Freddie Miles, Missing After Sicilian Holiday</p>			
 <p>“I’ll come and pick you up.”</p>			
<p>HAVE DECIDED TO COME TO VENICE. WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU. ARRIVING 11:45 A.M.</p>			
<p>The police decided a few days ago that fingerprints on the suitcases and paintings are the same as the fingerprints found in Mr. Greenleaf’s apartment in Rome. They have decided that they are definitely Mr. Greenleaf’s fingerprints.</p>			

4 Look at the pictures of some important scenes in the story. Complete the table.

Scene	Who is in the scene?	What is happening?	What happens next?
			
			
			
			
			
			

5 How would the story be different in the following situations? Use the words in the box to help you write your answers.

not drown arrogant rings become ashtray trust fund

1 Tom would have been happy if his parents →

2 Tom wouldn't have forged checks if →

3 Tom wouldn't have killed Dickie if →

4 If Tom hadn't killed Dickie, →

5 If Freddie hadn't turned up, Tom →

6 Tom would have killed Marge too if →

6a Work in pairs. Take turns to be a police officer asking Tom Ripley questions about the murder of Freddie Miles or Richard Greenleaf.

What is your name?

When did you last see . . . ?

What did you . . . ?

How did he . . . ?

Where . . . ?

6b Now complete a police report.

POLICE REPORT ON

What happened?

Where did it happen?

When did it happen?

Where was the body found?

How did the person die?