

# Murder On The Orient Express

By Agatha Christie

## Chapter 1: “An Important Passenger on the Taurus Express”

1. Describe the Belgian stranger. Who/What did he save? What is his name?
2. What was Lieutenant Dubosc’s duty? How does he feel about it? How do you know?
3. Why did Mary Debenham look out the window? What was her impression of Hercule Poirot?
4. What were Poirot’s impressions of the young English lady (Miss Debenham)?
5. What do you think Poirot means when he thinks that the Colonel is “susceptible”?
6. What hint does the reader receive that Miss Debenham and Colonel Arbuthnot know one another better than the reader is initially led to believe?
7. What is Miss Debenham worried about missing?

### Vocabulary to Define

Philanthropist	Benevolent	Malevolence
Munificent	Concierge	Berth

### French Words and Phrases

French Word/Phrase	Pronunciation	Page Number	English Translation
<i>Monsieur or M.</i>	Mon-sue-er	4	Mister
<i>Mon cher</i>	Mon-share	4	My dear man
<i>Mais oui</i>	Mass-we	5	But of course!
<i>comme ca</i>	Comm-sa	5	like this/that; in that way/manner
<i>Eh bien</i>	Eh-bee-ann	5	Ah, well
<i>En voiture</i>	On Ve-two-are	7	All aboard!
<i>Enfin!</i>	On Faan	7	At last, finally
<i>Voila</i>	Wa-la	7	Here you are, sir
<i>Merci</i>	Mer-see	7	Thank you
<i>“jolie femme”</i>	Julie Fem-e	9	pretty woman