

## HERCULE POIROT – BROKEN ENGLISH (FRENCH)

*Sir Roger Ackroyd has been murdered. His friend, Hercule Poirot, the detective, has gathered together all the suspects for questioning.*

“First of all, I have a little announcement to make. Everyone present had an opportunity to kill Sir Ackroyd. I will be as brief as possible, and will only deal with those points which are absolutely necessary. I know from Monsieur le Docteur, and confirmed by Parker, that the Docteur left Sir Ackroyd at then minutes to nine. I was told by Madame Paton that she went to the post at nine thirty returned to her room at twenty to ten and stayed there until ten o'clock. But there is no confirmation of that. I search the summer house, and I find a piece of torn apron. Did it belong to Madame Paton? Did she go meet anybody? If so – Who? Then I learn that Captain Paton was seen going up the path towards the summer house at nine twenty five. Eh bien! It also makes one point unexpectedly clear – it could not have been Captain Paton who was in the study at nine thirty talking to Sir Ackroyd, because he was in the summer house with his wife. Now we come to a most interesting aspect of the crime. *Who was in the study with Sir Ackroyd at nine thirty?* Then I put to myself a most audacious question – *was anyone with him?*”