

# Super English



## Unit 18 - Lesson 1 - Unsolved Mysteries

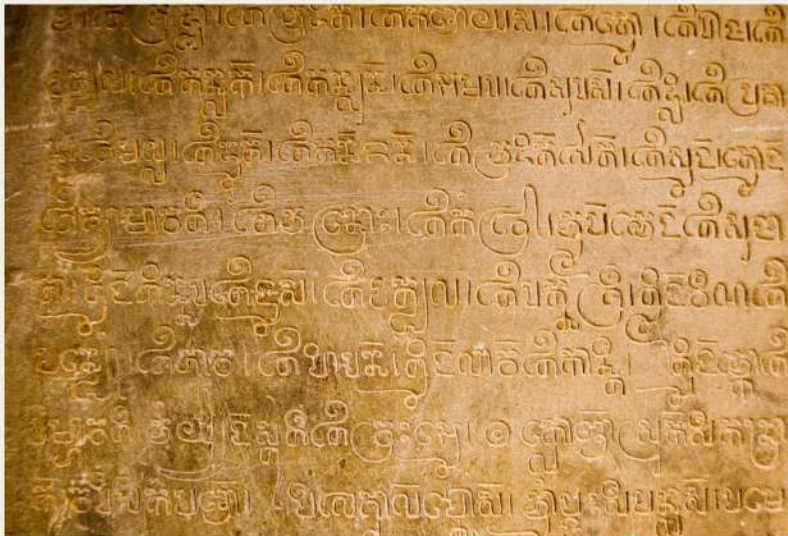
# Vocabulary





# Mysteries - Vocabulary

**decipher:** (v) to discover the meaning of something written badly or in a difficult or hidden way



The archaeologist worked tirelessly to **decipher** the ancient script on the cave walls.

# Mysteries - Vocabulary

**intrigued:** (adj) very interested by something, especially something strange, unusual, or mysterious



People are often **intrigued** by ancient artifacts.



# Mysteries - Vocabulary

**speculate:** (v) to think about something and make guesses about it



Without solid evidence, we can only **speculate** about what happened.

# Mysteries - Vocabulary

**enigma:** (n) a person or thing that is mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand



The ancient ruins present an **enigma** that archaeologists have yet to solve.

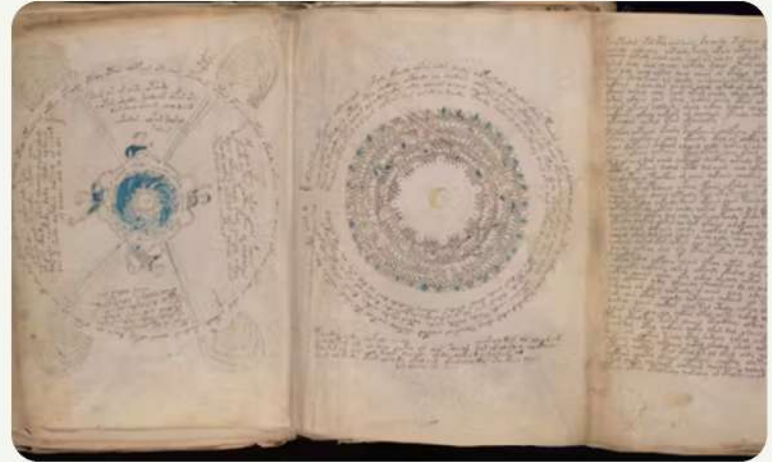


# Reading



# A Book Full of Questions

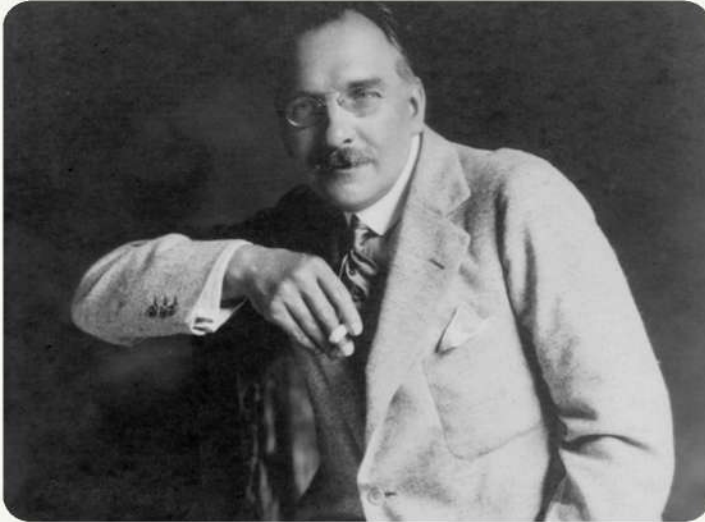
The Voynich **Manuscript** is a strange old book that has confused experts for more than a hundred years. It was discovered in 1912 by a **book dealer** who became instantly **intrigued** by its weird drawings and unknown writing system. Scientists, historians, and codebreakers have tried everything to figure it out, but the mystery only grows. Even today, people still argue about what the book means, where it came from, and why it feels like a giant historical **enigma** waiting to be solved.



1. Why has the Voynich Manuscript confused experts for so long?
2. Why do you think mysteries from the past feel exciting to people?



# A Discovery That Sparked Curiosity



1. Where did Voynich find the manuscript?
2. Do you enjoy mysteries that don't have clear answers? Why or why not?

Wilfrid Voynich found the manuscript hidden among other dusty books in an Italian college, and he quickly realized it was nothing like the rest. The pages were filled with symbols that no one could **decipher**, along with drawings of unusual plants, **star charts**, and people in odd **water-themed scenes** that seemed more magical than meaningful. Researchers continue to **speculate**, but none of their ideas have been proven. The book refuses to give away its secrets, which makes it even more **appealing**.

# Grammar





# Phrasal verbs with 'fall.'

Match the multiword verbs with their meanings.

To not happen as planned.

**fall behind**

To not keep up with others.

**fall for**

To break into pieces; To become very emotional or upset.

**fall through**

To start loving someone; to be tricked or deceived.

**fall apart**

# Let's Talk!





# Dialogue 1 – Mystery or Madness?

**Maya:** Did you read about that old book no one can understand?

**Leo:** You mean the one that looks like a wizard's diary? Yeah.

**Maya:** I'd try to decipher it, but I'd probably just give up.

**Leo:** Same. I can barely read my own handwriting.

**Maya:** Honestly, the mystery is the best part.

**Leo:** Exactly. Solving it might even ruin the fun.

**Question:** If you deciphered the language in the book, would you share it with others or keep it a secret?

# Unlocking Word Parts





# Metaphors

A metaphor is a figure of speech that directly compares two different things by saying one thing is another, highlighting their similarities without using "like" or "as."

1. **Time is a thief:** Time takes away moments from our lives.
2. **He has a heart of stone:** He is very unfeeling or cold.
3. **The world is a stage:** Life is like a play where everyone acts out roles.
4. **Her voice is music to my ears:** Her voice is very pleasant to hear.
5. **Life is a rollercoaster:** Life has many ups and downs.
6. **The classroom was a zoo:** The classroom was very noisy and chaotic.
7. **His mind is a computer:** He thinks very quickly and accurately.
8. **The stars are diamonds in the sky:** Stars are bright and beautiful.
9. **Her eyes were fireflies:** Her eyes were shining brightly.
10. **He is a shining star:** He is very talented and stands out.

# See you next time!

