LAST TRAIN TO BLACKTHORN

Read together

THE MISSING PASSENGER

A self-contained free sample from Last Train to Blackthorn - A Mystery for Two. This is a short introductory case, not the full game.

YOUR CASE

At 21:15, the last train reaches Blackthorn. Evelyn Hart is not aboard. She had a reserved compartment earlier in the journey. Her brother asks you, two railway enquiry clerks, to establish where she is and why she missed the arrival. All names, places and events are fictional.

SET UP IN TWO MINUTES

Exactly two players; no separate host. Choose either the A4 folder or the US-Letter folder. Print this sheet and one copy each of Player A and Player B, single-sided at actual size (100%). Black-and-white printing is fine. Each player takes their own sheet. Keep Hints and Solution closed. You need a pen and scrap paper. No cutting, locks, apps or outside knowledge.

HOW TO PLAY

Read your own evidence, then describe it to your partner. You may show each other the sheets if you prefer. Use only the supplied facts. The records are accurate: there are no liars or deliberate red herrings. Work together without a timer. Allow about 10-15 minutes as an untested planning estimate.

YOUR FINAL REPORT

1. Assign all four people to compartments 1-4.
2. Name the station where Evelyn left the train.
3. Decode the telegram: give her precise waiting place and why she missed the train. Explain the evidence for each answer.

HELP AND FINISH

If stuck, open Hints and uncover one numbered hint at a time. When both agree on your report, open Solution. Optional scoring: 4 points for the four correct compartment assignments, 1 for the station, 1 for the room and 1 for the reason (7 total). Hints cost no points. This is cooperative, not a race.