



MINI MYSTERIES

Activity Book

*Sam Sherlock
& Watson*



Bree Cody & Rico

A TEACHING RESOURCE FROM...



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About This Book

This activity book was created for use with the 24-book series, *Mini Mystery Readers*.

The following is a suggested sequence for the most effective use of the Series:

1. Before the students read the books, have them read the brief introduction found at the beginning of each mystery (intro is the same in each book). This will help familiarize them with the main characters.
2. After the students read a book, elicit answers (verbal or written) to the questions in the "Solve The Mystery" box at the end of each story. Answers are provided at the bottom of the page.
3. Discuss the clues students used to help lead them to the correct answer.
4. Assign the follow-up activities that accompany each story. These activities have been designed to reinforce comprehension skills that require remembering details, making inferences, finding facts, understanding sequence, drawing conclusions, and more. Cloze activities are also included for each story.

Two *Case Charts* are found in the front of the book. Students can use these charts to track their progress on reading assignments. Ask students to checkmark activities listed on the charts after each one is completed. When they've read the stories and completed the assigned activities, they've "solved the case".

A number of critical reading skills are reinforced in this Series:

- **Finding Facts/Reading for Details**
- **Drawing Conclusions/Opinion**
- **Classifying**
- **Fact or Opinion**
- **Application**
- **Comparison/Contrast**
- **Predicting Outcomes**
- **Choosing the Right Word**
- **Context Clues**
- **Sequence**
- **Synonyms**
- **Inference**
- **True or False**
- **Logic**
- **Evaluating Information**
- **Resource Skills**

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Name _____

SAM SHERLOCK MYSTERIES

CASE #	TITLE	BOOK READ	QUESTIONS ANSWERED	ACTIVITIES DONE	CASE SOLVED
101	The Case of the Missing Girl				
102	The Case of the Killer Whale				
103	The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy				
104	The Case of the Haunted Mansion				
105	The Case of the Forged Letter				
106	The Case of the Carnival Money				
107	The Case of the Birthday Party Mystery				
108	The Case of the False Alarm				
109	The Case of the Missing Piggy Bank				
110	The Case of the Senator's Party				
111	The Case of the Phony Painting				
112	The Case of the Piano Phantom				

Name _____

BREE CODY MYSTERIES

CASE #	TITLE	BOOK READ	QUESTIONS ANSWERED	ACTIVITIES DONE	CASE SOLVED
201	The Case of the Rigged Ransom				
202	The Case of the Bashful Barterer				
203	The Case of the Big Bully				
204	The Case of the Forest Park Thief				
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208	The Case of Skullduggery				
209	The Case of Mistaken Identity				
210	The Case of the Missing Jewelry Box				
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212	The Case of the Mismarked Mongrel				

The Case of the Missing Girl

1. Who do you think was sleeping in the box? _____

2. Who needed help from Sam and Watson? _____
What subject does he teach? _____
3. Circle F if the sentence is a fact. Circle O if it is an opinion.
F O Sue did not go to Mr. Larson's class after lunch.
F O Math is a boring subject.
F O Sam Sherlock loves his dog Watson.
F O Dogs make good detectives.
F O Watson's barks let the students know he and Sam were
at school.
4. What did Watson need in order to find the missing girl? _____

5. Which of his five senses did Watson use to find the missing girl? _____

6. Name the other four senses. _____

7. Why do you think dogs are often used to find missing people? _____

8. Which of your five senses would you probably use to find a missing
person? _____

9. What reasons do you think Sue might have had for climbing into the
equipment box? _____

The Case of the Missing Girl

ground	sniffed	lunch
math	the	sleeping
shouted	gave	them

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Mr. Larson's _____ class heard Watson barking.
2. "There's Sam Sherlock and his dog Watson!" they _____.
3. Mr. Larson greeted _____ outside.
4. "Sue did not come back from _____," said Mr. Larson.
5. He _____ Sam the girl's sweater.
6. Watson _____ the sweater.
7. He put his nose to the _____ and sniffed.
8. He ran to _____ equipment box on the field.
9. Who do you think was _____ in the box?

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Killer Whale

1. Who made Shamu sick? _____
2. Where was Sam Sherlock in this story? _____
3. Why do you think his dog Watson was not allowed into the park?

4. What kind of animal is Shamu? _____
5. What had made Shamu sick? _____
6. Shamu is a marine mammal. Look at these groups and circle M if they are mammals. Circle F if they are fish. Use a dictionary, encyclopedia or go to eNature.com on the internet if you need help.
M F dolphin, sea lion, walrus
M F shark, trout, eel
M F salmon, ray, seahorse
M F Nemo, bass, puffer
M F manatee, seal, Shamu
7. What made the man from Oceans West seem to be up to something?

8. Describe what the suspicious man looked like. _____

9. What clue did Sam see on the man's truck? _____

10. Why do you think the man wanted to make Shamu sick? _____

The Case of the Killer Whale

man	That	made
Shamu	was	carried
he	reason	loved

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sam Sherlock _____ Sea World.
2. He thought of the _____ he was there.
3. Shamu _____ given bad fish that made him sick.
4. Sam wondered who would want to make _____ sick.
5. A _____ with a bald head and dark sunglasses came from behind Shamu’s tank.
6. He _____ a pail and looked around.
7. He looked like _____ was up to something so Sam followed him
8. A sign on the man’s truck read: SEE JAWS – Our Whale _____ Beats Shamu.
9. Sam knew who _____ Shamu sick.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

1. Who do you think took the cotton candy? _____

2. Where were Sam, Wendy and Watson? _____

3. Who was performing in the center ring? _____

4. What smells filled the circus tent? _____

5. Why do you think the treat Wendy was eating is called cotton candy?

6. Describe how the clowns were alike. _____

7. Describe what made one clown different from the others. _____

8. Now that Sam knows who took Wendy's cotton candy, what do you think he will do? _____

9. Do you think the clown was just teasing Wendy? Why or why not?

10. What do you think the clown might do to apologize to Wendy?

The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

clowns	watching	around
some	against	is
in	candy	know

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. The smell of popcorn and cotton _____ filled the circus tent.
2. Sam Sherlock, Watson, and Wendy were _____ the circus acts.
3. "Let's buy _____ cotton candy," said Sam to Wendy.
4. Wendy was holding her cotton candy _____ one hand and petting Watson with the other.
5. Suddenly, something or someone pushed _____ her.
6. "Sam, " she cried. "My cotton candy _____ gone!"
7. Sam looked _____ and all he could see were dozens of clowns.
8. He noticed one of the _____ had sticky pink stuff on his face.
9. "I _____ who took your cotton candy, Wendy," said Sam.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Haunted Mansion

1. What did Sam mean when he said, "I guess I found my ghosts."?

2. In what park does this story take place? _____
3. What problem is Sam trying to solve? _____

4. How do guests travel through the Haunted Mansion? _____

5. Who did Pete jokingly say might be stealing the wallets? _____
6. Choose the word that best completes this sentence: A thief who steals from the pockets of persons, usually in a crowd, is called a _____ .
picket pickpocket pickerel picklock
7. Who stole the wallets? _____
8. Why do you think it was easy for the thieves to grab people's wallets in front of the mansion? _____
9. Describe what Sam saw the two teenagers doing that helped him find the thieves. _____

10. What do you think will happen to the teenagers? _____

The Case of the Haunted Mansion

the	losing	mansion
wallet	ghosts	caught
push	them	my

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. People were _____ their wallets in the Haunted Mansion.
2. Sam Sherlock was on _____ case.
3. Pete wondered if _____ were stealing wallets.
4. Sam felt for his _____ in his back pocket.
5. Sam stood in front of the _____ and scratched his head.
6. Suddenly, something _____ his eye.
7. He saw two teenagers _____ into the crowd.
8. He saw _____ push close up on a man.
9. "I guess I found _____ ghosts," Sam said.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

The Case of the Forged Letter

1. How does Sam know the letter is a forgery? _____

2. Who is Watson? _____
3. Why didn't Watson want Sam to answer the phone? _____

4. If someone has a problem, should they ask Sam Sherlock for help? Why or why not? _____

5. Besides letters, what other things might be forged? Hint: look up the word "forgery" in your dictionary for help. _____

6. What did Bob Greene want Sam to do? _____

7. From whom and to whom was the letter supposedly written?

8. Which subject in school do you think Sam really liked? _____

9. Why would someone think the letter might be real? _____

10. Write the sentence from the letter that proves it's a forgery.

The Case of the Forged Letter

music	leaving	famous
is	forgery	looked
said	happy	case

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sam Sherlock and Watson were _____ for a walk when the telephone rang.
2. "Hello, Sam Sherlock here," he _____ into the phone.
3. "My name _____ Bob Greene, and I need your help."
4. "I have a chance to buy a letter written by a _____ person and could you look at it?"
5. Sam was a whiz at history and was _____ to go.
6. "Come on Watson," he said. "We have a _____ to solve!"
7. Sam _____ at the old letter which was torn at the edge.
8. The letter read, "I loved the orchestra's _____ when I heard their newest record last week."
9. "Don't buy this letter," said Sam. "It is a _____."

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Carnival Money

1. What does Sam know? _____
2. Where does this story take place? _____

3. Fill in the blanks to show the carnival games that Sam played.
__u__k t__n__ b__ __lo__n p__ __ r__n__ to__ __
4. What was Wendy doing at the carnival? _____

5. What did Sam notice when he was introduced to Dan? _____

6. Why do you think Sam is a good detective? _____

7. Where was the carnival money being kept, and who was responsible for it? _____

8. How did Sam figure out who the thief was? _____

9. How do you think the thief got into the ticket booth? _____

10. What should Miss Smith have done to prevent the theft? _____

The Case of the Carnival Money

took	booth	having
of	green	friend
shouted	caught	her

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sam Sherlock and Watson were _____ a wonderful time at the school carnival.
2. Sam had seen many _____ his friends and visited some of the booths.
3. His _____ Wendy was selling popcorn at one of the booths.
4. She introduced Sam to a boy in _____ class named Dan.
5. Sam noticed Dan had a tear in his _____ shirt.
6. Just then, Miss Smith _____, "Come quickly! Our carnival money is gone!"
7. Sam looked at the _____ carefully.
8. By the side window, he saw some green cloth _____ on a nail.
9. Sam said, "Don't worry. I know who _____ the money."

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Birthday Party Mystery

1. How did Sam know who took the ring? _____

2. Why does Watson, Sam's dog, like going to birthday parties?

3. What kind of ring was on the cake? _____
4. Number these events in the order they happened.
____ Someone took the ring off the cake.
____ Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Wendy.
____ Wendy's mother turned off the lights.
____ The lights were turned on.
____ Wendy blew out the candles.
____ The candles were lit.
5. Describe Wendy's birthday cake. _____

6. How did the cake look after the ring was stolen? _____

7. The birthstones are listed here for each month in order, beginning with the stone for January. Circle your birthstone.
1. garnet 2. amethyst 3. aquamarine 4. diamond 5. emerald 6. pearl
7. ruby 8. peridot 9. sapphire 10. opal 11. topaz 12. turquoise
8. Why do you think the little girl took the ring? _____

9. Do you think Sam would have solved the mystery if Watson had not been at the party? Why or why not? _____

The Case of the Birthday Party Mystery

off	cried	hand
birthday	see	cake
was	let	who

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Watson loves _____ parties.
2. He knows the children will _____ him lick frosting from their hands.
3. Wendy's birthday cake _____ decorated with white icing and pink roses.
4. In the middle of the _____ was a tiny platform with a gold birthstone ring.
5. The lights were turned _____ when the children sang Happy Birthday.
6. When the lights came back on, Wendy _____, "My ring is gone!"
7. Everyone could _____ that the tiny platform was empty.
8. Sam noticed Watson licking icing off of little Lucy's _____.
9. "I know _____ has your ring," said Sam.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the False Alarm

1. What clue did Sam find on the alarm? _____

2. Name three teachers at Sam's school. _____

3. Who were suspected of setting off the alarm? _____

4. Why were they suspects? _____

5. Whose class was working on a big art project? _____

6. How did this clue help Sam know who set the false alarms? _____

7. Why was Watson waiting for Sam outside the school? _____

8. What happened while Sam was talking with the teacher? _____

9. Do you think the alarms might have gone off because the alarm system was old and needed to be replaced? Explain your answer.

10. Why do you think setting off false alarms is a dangerous thing to do?

The Case of the False Alarm

studied

class

asked

paint

new

boy

the

at

on

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Mr. Larson _____ Sam Sherlock to help him.
2. "We have had several false alarms since we put in our _____ alarm system."
3. "I have narrowed _____ suspects down to two boys," Mr. Larson said.
4. "One of the boys is in Mrs. Jones' _____, and the other is in Mr. Brown's class."
5. Just _____ that moment, the alarm went off again.
6. Sam _____ the alarm box carefully.
7. He noticed that there was wet _____ on the alarm handle.
8. "Isn't Mrs. Jones' class working _____ a big art project?" asked Sam.
9. "In that case, I know who the guilty _____ is," said Sam.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

The Case of the Missing Piggy Bank

1. What thing in nature helped Sam solve this mystery? _____

2. Why did Pete call Sam? _____
3. Why was Pete saving his money? _____

4. What were Sam and Sherlock doing when Pete called? _____

5. What did Sam see outside Pete's house? _____

6. Do you think Pete's neighbor is a good person? Why or why not?

7. Where was Pete when the piggy bank was stolen? _____

8. What mistake do you think Pete made that helped the thief? _____

9. If the sun had melted the snow before he got to Pete's house, how do you think Sam might have found the thief? _____

10. What do you think Sam did after he knew where the money was?

The Case of the Missing Piggy Bank

footsteps

know

will

you

backdoor

for

calling

my

dog

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sam Sherlock and his _____ Watson were watching television when the telephone rang.
2. Sam's friend Pete was _____ for help.
3. "Someone has stolen _____ piggy bank from my bedroom."
4. "Watson and I _____ be right over," said Sam.
5. When they arrived, they could see _____ in the snow outside of Pete's window.
6. The footsteps led to the _____ of the neighbor's house.
7. "When did _____ discover your piggy bank was missing?"
8. "It was snowing. Then I went to the kitchen _____ a drink of water," said Pete.
9. "Follow me, " said Sam. "I _____ where your piggy bank is."

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

The Case of the Senator's Party

1. What does Sam know about the missing necklace? _____

2. Why do you think Sam and Watson were proud to be invited to the party? _____

3. Why was the Senator having a party? _____

4. Who will the Senator's project help? _____

5. How were the people dressed at the party? _____

6. What was unusual about one of the waiters? _____

7. Describe the missing necklace. _____

8. How was the necklace stolen? _____

9. Do you think the thief planned to steal things that night? Why or why not? _____

10. From what you read in the story, what do you know about the Senator?

The Case of the Senator's Party

thought	serving	gone
open	necklace	wire
proud	the	very

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sam Sherlock was _____ to have been invited to the Senator's party.
2. This party was _____ important to the Senator.
3. The men had on fancy suits, and _____ women wore long gowns and large jewels.
4. The waiters were _____ food and drinks to the guests.
5. Sam saw something that looked like a _____ cutter on one waiter's belt.
6. Sam wondered if it was used to _____ some of the bottles.
7. Suddenly a guest shouted, "My necklace is _____!"
8. "So, that's what it's for," Sam _____ to himself.
9. "The _____ is not on the floor. I know where it is," said Sam.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Phony Painting

1. How did Sam know the painting was a phony? _____

2. Write three words from the story that describe what kind of day it was.
3. Name two different kinds of people in the park this day. _____

4. What word in this story is a synonym for the word "fake?"

5. What is Wendy's last name? _____
6. What event was taking place in the park? _____

7. How old were the paintings supposed to be that Wendy's mother liked?
8. Who is Mr. Jones? _____
9. Mr. Jones said he did not paint himself. Do you think he was being truthful? Explain your answer. _____

10. Name four other kitchen appliances that need electricity.

The Case of the Phony Painting

corner

looking

It's

were

park

electricity

at

will

go

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sam and Watson decided to _____ for a walk in the park.
2. Something special was happening in the _____.
3. Artists _____ showing their paintings.
4. Wendy and her mother, Mrs. Brown, were _____ at the booth with "100 Year Old Paintings".
5. "Maybe I _____ buy one," said Mrs. Brown.
6. "This painting was painted before we even had _____," said the art dealer.
7. Sam looked carefully _____ the painting.
8. On a counter in the _____ of the room, Sam could see a toaster.
9. "Better not buy this painting, Mrs. Brown," said Sam. "_____ a phony!"

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

The Case of the Phantom Piano

1. Who was playing the trick? _____
2. Write F if the statement is a fact. Write O if it is an opinion.
____ Mike Block is Sam’s neighbor.
____ The weather on this day was terrible.
____ The piano was playing itself.
____ The window in the music room was open a few inches.
____ The sound of the piano was scaring Mike.
3. Use words from the story to complete this description.
The _____ came down hard. _____clapped loudly, and
flashes of _____lit up the room.
4. Why did Mike need Sam’s help? _____

5. Did Mike go to Sam for help right after he first heard the piano?

6. What did Sam use to help him spot clues? _____
7. What did Sam notice about the window that helped him solve the mys-
tery? _____
8. What did Sam see on the carpet in the music room? _____

9. What clue did Sam find on the piano? _____
10. Do you think the person who played this trick on Mike was a friend of
his? Explain your answer. _____

The Case of the Piano Phantom

playing	the	clues
on	understand	oil
nobody	and	music

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Mike Block, Sam Sherlock's neighbor, knocked _____ Sam's door.
2. Mike heard a sound of a piano, yet _____ was in his music room.
3. "I can't _____ what is happening!" said Mike.
4. As they entered the house, _____ two boys could hear the piano playing.
5. They rushed into the _____ room, but found it empty.
6. Sam searched for _____ in the room.
7. He saw traces of car grease on the window sill, and traces of _____ on the carpet.
8. "Someone is _____ a trick on you Mike," said Sam. "Look out the window."
9. He saw only three people nearby _____ one was in a garage working on a car.

Write the words in the box in alphabetical order.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The Case of the Rigged Ransom

1. Who wrote the ransom note? Why? _____

2. Who is Rags? _____
3. Name two things about the ransom note that helped Bree solve the mystery. _____

4. Why wouldn't Mrs. Morgan loan the money to Sissy? _____

5. Number these events in the order you think they happened.
___ Sissy became angry with her mother.
___ Buddy found a ransom note and thought Sissy had been kidnapped.
___ A ransom note demanding \$36.29 was attached to Rags' collar.
___ Sissy asked her mother for money to go to the mall to buy a sweater.
___ Rags wandered into the yard where Buddy was playing.
6. How much did the sweater cost? _____
7. Circle T if the statement is true. Circle F if it is false.
T F Miriam is Sissy's mother.
T F The Morgans live within walking distance of Bree's house.
T F Buddy and his friends were playing in Lancaster Park.
T F The ransom money was to be placed in an envelope.
8. After Bree revealed who had written the ransom note and why, do you think Sissy was in trouble with her mother? Why or why not?

9. What do you think would have been a better way for Sissy to get what she wanted? _____

The Case of the Rigged Ransom

ransom	asked	where
sweater	yard	to
envelope	leaving	wrote
ran	her	was

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Sissy Morgan's dog Rags wandered into the _____ where Buddy, Miriam, and Justin were playing.
2. Buddy noticed a note attached _____ Rag's collar.
3. The message read: If you want to see Sissy again, put \$36.29 into an _____. Leave it in the old oak tree.
4. The children _____ to Junior Detective Bree Cody's house.
5. "Sissy _____ kidnapped!" they shouted.
6. Bree studied the _____ note.
7. She thought the kidnapper had _____ for an unusual amount of money.
8. "Who knows about _____ messages in the tree?" she asked Buddy.
9. He told _____ only he and Sissy knew about hiding messages in the tree.
10. Bree Cody asked Sissy's mother _____ she had gone.
11. "She wanted to go to the mall to buy a _____, but she didn't have enough money."
12. Brew knew who _____ the ransom note.

The Case of the Bashful Barterer

1. Who or what was the bashful barterer? _____
2. From the story, write a synonym for "trader." _____
3. Why do you think the animals are called "pack rats." _____

4. What did the barterer give for the ring? _____

5. Who are Joan and Charlie Martin? _____

6. How did Bree know where to look for the ring? _____

7. What did Rico use to point Bree in the right direction? _____

8. Why did Bree say the pack rat was not a thief? _____

9. If someone is shy, they also might be called _____.
10. Think of something you would like to have. _____
What would you be willing to trade or barter for it? _____

The Case of the Bashful Barterer

table	across	was
upset	small	thief
riding	way	inspected
led	where	at

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Junior Detective Bree Cody _____ looking forward to the weekend.
2. Bree and her cat Rico were on their _____ to her aunt and uncle's cabin.
3. As Bree was _____ through the woods, she saw a nest built by a pack of rats.
4. When Bree arrived _____ the cabin, Joan rushed up to her.
5. "Your Uncle Charlie is very _____ because he can't locate his college class ring," she said.
6. Joan showed Bree the _____ where the ring had been left.
7. Only a twig and small stone lay _____ the ring had been.
8. Rico leaped up onto the table, _____ the stone, and gave a soft meow.
9. He put his nose to the ground and set out _____ the yard.
10. Rico followed a trail of tiny footprints which _____ to the large pack rat nest.
11. When Rico reached the nest, he stuck his paw into a _____ opening and out rolled the ring.
12. There was no _____, only a bashful barterer.

The Case of the Big Bully

1. How was Jim cheating the children? _____

2. Use a dictionary or thesaurus to find a synonym for the word "taunt."
3. Why were most of the children afraid of Jim? _____

4. Bree thought Jim was "arrogant." Is this a good or a bad trait in a person? Explain your answer. Use a dictionary to help you, if needed.

5. What would Mike have won from Jim if he had won the coin toss?

6. How were Bree's quarter and Jim's quarter different? _____

7. Why did Mike agree to flip a coin with Jim? _____

8. Circle the word below that means "a plan to cheat or to swindle."
scheme scam bully scorn
9. How did Jim act when he lost the coin toss to Bree? _____

10. What do you think is the best way to deal with a bully? Explain your answer. _____

The Case of the Big Bully

observed

shiny

won

end

discovered

trying

this

and

quarter

have

asked

turn

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Big Jim taunted Mike Costello by dangling a _____, gold pocket watch in front of him.
2. "Let's flip a coin for _____ pocket watch. If I win, I get your skateboard," said Big Jim to Mike.
3. Jim Abbott was always _____ to trick the smaller children out of their lunch money.
4. Jim tossed the quarter, called heads, _____ won.
5. Bree Cody _____ how arrogant Big Jim was.
6. She decided to put an _____ to his crooked scheme.
7. She walked over to him and _____, "May I play?"
8. He thought Bree probably didn't _____ a lot of money, but said he would play for her gold locket.
9. He called heads, and sure enough, the _____ landed heads up.
10. "Now it's my _____," she challenged.
11. She flipped her coin, called tails, and _____ the toss.
12. Jim was upset that Bree had _____ his scam.

The Case of The Forest Park Thief

1. How did Bree know Jake was not deaf? _____

2. Write T before the sentence if it is true. Write F before it if it is false.
____ Rico is Bree Cody's nephew.
____ The stolen CD player was in Jake's pocket.
____ Steve left his CD player on a bench near the fountain.
3. Why was Steve out of breath? _____

4. What happened to make a loud noise? _____

5. What language did Bree use to question Jake? _____
6. Why do you think Jake did not answer Bree when she questioned him in sign language? _____

7. Find a word on page 8 that means the same as "surprised." _____

8. What mistake do you think Steve made? _____

9. Why do you think Jake wanted people to think he was deaf? _____

10. Who saw a stranger sit on the bench? _____

The Case of the Forest Park Thief

walked	that	stole
into	question	who
loud	player	could
place	see	thief

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. While in Forest Park with her friends, Bree heard a panicky voice call out, "Someone _____ my CD player!"
2. Her friend Steve came running as fast as he _____ across the field.
3. Bree went with Steve to the _____ where his CD player had disappeared.
4. One boy _____ was playing in the area said, "The stranger over by the drinking fountain sat on the bench while Steve was gone."
5. Bree and Rico _____ over to the boy by the fountain.
6. He was wearing a button on his shirt _____ said, "Hi, I'm Jake and I'm deaf."
7. She signed a _____ to him and he did not seem to understand.
8. Just then, a small boy lost control of his bike and slammed _____ a trash can!
9. The metal can and lid bounced across the sidewalk, making a _____ noise.
10. Startled, Jake swung around to _____ what happened.
11. When he turned, Bree could see the stolen CD _____ in his backpack.
12. "Jake, you're a _____!" Bree said accusingly.

The Case of the Theater Theft

1. Who is the purse snatcher? _____
2. How did Bree know who the purse snatcher was? _____

3. How many theaters did Bree have to look through for the missing purse? _____
4. Circle T if the statement is true. F if it is false.
T F Theater A was showing a monster movie.
T F The purse was stolen from a person in Theater B.
T F A short man was seen running from the building.
T F Bree found the purse, but the money was gone.
5. Why were the folks of Newtown happy? _____

6. How did Donald behave when Bree questioned him? _____

7. What first happened at the snack bar that helped Bree find the purse snatcher? _____

8. Write the word on page 4 that means "to appear guilty of something."

9. What did Bree do after she figured out who the purse snatcher was?

10. Why didn't Bree think Bob was the thief? _____

The Case of the Theater Theft

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theater

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Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. A six-screen movie theater complex _____ opened in Newtown.
2. Theater A was filled with moviegoers watching a thriller about a _____, ugly monster.
3. Suddenly, a voice _____ the darkness, "My purse is gone!"
4. Bree and her cat Rico searched each _____ for the missing purse.
5. She found _____ in Theater B.
6. The money was gone, but the pale green fabric of the _____ was spotted with grease stains.
7. She _____ Donald Evans and Bob Jones at the snack bar.
8. Donald nervously twisted a towel in his hands as he told her he saw a man _____ out of the Theater.
9. Bree asked Bob if he had _____ the man.
10. He said, "No, Donald spilled _____ on the counter and he cleaned it up while I went to get a mop."
11. Bree saw grease _____ on Donald's shirt and hands.
12. Bree knew _____ snatched the purse and stole the money.

The Case of the Soccer Switch

1. What does Bree know? _____

2. Choose three words from page 1 which tell what kind of day it was.

3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a silhouette of a leaf.
4. What did Bree hear coming from the ball field? _____

5. Who has red hair? _____
6. If the younger boys gave their soccer ball to the teens, what would happen to them? _____

7. Who is the recreation director at the park? _____
8. What kind of person do you think the director is? _____

9. How do you think the teens ruined their soccer ball? _____

10. Why do you think the teens thought they could take the ball away from the younger boys? _____

The Case of the Soccer Switch

several	enjoy	stern
under	problem	leaves
accused	investigating	out
oldest	make	tried

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. The late morning sun filtered through the _____ of the old oak trees in Lancaster Park.
2. Bree was happy that her cat Rico was there to _____ the day with her.
3. Bree was about to _____ an entry in her casebook when she heard angry voices coming from the ball field.
4. Three teenage boys surrounded _____ younger boys who were playing soccer.
5. The leader of the teens, Edward, _____ the younger boys of taking his team's soccer ball.
6. "We checked this ball out from Mr. Hope," shot back Ben, the _____ of the smaller boys.
7. His voice shook slightly as he _____ not to sound afraid.
8. "It's our ball," Edward argued. "We signed it _____ and we've come to take it back."
9. Bree was on her way to check out the _____ when she saw Mr. Hope walk over.
10. "All right boys," he said in a calm yet _____ voice. "What's going on?"
11. Bree knew Mr. Hope had things under control so she did some _____.
12. She found a flattened soccer ball _____ the badly crushed hedge.

The Case of the Distressed Druggist

1. Do you know who the vandals are? Explain your answer. _____

2. Circle the words below that show Mr. Dower was *distressed*.
angry sad thoughtful weary rushed
3. What is the name of Mr. Dower's store? _____
4. What did Mr. Dower do to Joe Pendleton and his friends? _____

5. What kind of store does Joe Pendleton's father own? _____
Why do you think this is an important clue to the vandals' identity?

6. Why did the words spray painted on the wall of the drugstore give Bree an idea who the vandals were? _____

7. How do Mandy Young and her friends sometimes act in the drugstore?
8. Why didn't Bree think Mandy and her friends were the vandals?

9. Describe what Joe and his friends did to get themselves banned from the store. _____

The Case of the Distressed Drugist

vandals	heard	trouble
asked	eyes	spray
mess	distressed	from
store	comic	After

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Mr. Dower, the owner of Vita Rite Drugstore, _____ Bree Cody for help.
2. "Twenty years I have owned this _____ and never has anything like this happened to me."
3. The _____ druggist continued, "Newtown has always been a safe place. Now this."
4. "I live above the shop. Early this morning I _____ loud noises and I hurried down to see what happened. I found this," he said
5. He shoved open the door, and the store was a _____.
6. The magazine racks were tipped over and _____ books were strewn everywhere.
7. On the wall over the cashier's counter, the words "The Banned" were _____ painted.
8. "Have you had any _____ with the children in the neighborhood?" Bree questioned.
9. Her _____ scanned the misspelled message on the wall.
10. _____ a thoughtful pause, he said, "Joe Pendelton and his friends come in and read all the comic books."
11. He banned them _____ the store for leaving the racks in shambles.
12. "I know who your _____ are," Bree said.

The Case of Skullduggery

1. How many years ago had the skull disappeared? _____
2. What was the Hawkeye Detective Club doing when they found the old crate? _____
3. Why was the crate in the alley behind Professor Holmes' house?

4. Who works in a crime lab? _____
5. Circle F if the statement is a fact. Circle O if it is an opinion.
F O The skull is at least 300 years old.
F O People came to the Newtown area about 200 years ago.
F O Professor Holmes worked at the Madison Museum.
6. Why did the case of the missing skull go unsolved for so many years?

7. Fill in the missing letters:
Property of Mad__s__n __use__m. Prof__ss__r H__lm__s, Curator
8. Use a dictionary to write a definition of what a "curator" is.

9. After reading this story, how many years ago do you think people came to Newtown? _____
10. What do you think happened as a result of the skull being missing?

The Case of Skullduggery

case	bumped	behind
research	Where	Museum
they	instead	old
letters	took	were

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. The Hawkeye Detective Club was on a crime-watch walk when _____ spotted an old crate in an alley.
2. The label was hard to read because some of the _____ were worn off.
3. One of the girls accidentally _____ the crate with her foot.
4. The young detectives _____ shocked when a human skull rolled out.
5. Bree _____ the skull to the crime lab for David Crossman to examine.
6. "This skull is at least 300 years old," he said. "_____ was it found?"
7. "It was in an alley _____ old Professor Holmes' house," she explained.
8. "He was in charge of Madison _____ about twenty years ago. He died recently."
9. Bree recalled an old, unsolved _____ about a missing skull.
10. She found an _____ newspaper story at the library.
11. It read: "A human skull is missing from the museum. Professor Bressler will not receive \$40,000 for _____ without the skull."
12. The money went to Professor Holmes for his research _____.

The Case of Mistaken Identity

1. Who stole the moth? _____
2. Where was the collection on exhibit? _____

3. Circle the name of the collection's owner:
Danny Felz Thomas Gray Randy Taylor
4. What is the difference between the jungle moth and the swallowtail butterfly? _____

5. Use a dictionary or encyclopedia to find two more differences between moths and butterflies. _____

What are two similarities? _____

6. Where did the two boys have their butterflies displayed? _____

7. Which boy had seen Professor Gray's exhibit? _____
8. In what part of the world can the jungle moth be found? _____

9. What did Bree see in Danny's collection that helped her find the thief?

10. How many butterflies did each boy have in his collection?
Randy: _____
Danny: _____

The Case of Mistaken Identity

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Science

resembles

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rare

years

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Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Professor Thomas Gray's collection of _____ moths was on display at the Whitehall University Science Fair.
2. Sometime after the show closed, _____ had stolen Gray's prize jungle moth.
3. "It looks like a swallowtail butterfly to the untrained eye," he said. "The main _____ is the antennae."
4. Bree left Gray's home and _____ to an open house at her school.
5. She noticed two displays of _____ the students had prepared.
6. The _____ display was labeled "Randy Taylor," and the second was labeled "Danny Felz".
7. Randy had _____ butterfly specimens and Danny had one.
8. Bree asked the boys how _____ they had been collecting.
9. Randy said he had been collecting for two _____, and Danny said three months.
10. She asked them if they had seen the exhibit of rare moths and butterflies at the _____ Fair.
11. Randy said he went with Danny, but left early because his mother came _____ to pick him up.
12. "Since the jungle moth _____ the swallowtail butterfly," Bree said. "One of the swallowtail butterflies is really Professor Gray's jungle moth."

The Case of the Missing Jewelry Box

1. Who stole the jewelry box? _____
2. Write three words or phrases from the story that will help Bree identify the jewelry box. _____

3. Who called Bree for help? _____
4. To whom had the box belonged? _____
5. What job did Maude do for the Johnsons? _____
6. Find a word on page one to describe the value of the jewelry box.

7. What did Stephanie have in her hands? _____

8. What was the first clue that Bree found in the house? _____

9. Why was Hattie angry with Bree? _____

10. Do you think Maude's shiny brass key will open the jewelry box? Why or why not? _____

The Case of the Missing Jewelry Box

object

tarnished

shiny

were

investigation

family

her

noticed

asked

family

nothing

feather

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Bree Cody helped Steve and Stephanie Johnson with the _____ of their missing jewelry box.
2. Stephanie sat twisting a _____, old key in her hands.
3. Bree noticed a _____ on the dresser where the jewelry box had sat.
4. Stephanie told Bree that Hattie the cook and Maude the housekeeper _____ in the house.
5. While talking to the cook, Bree _____ that a feather duster had been carelessly left on a chair.
6. Hattie said she knew _____ about the missing jewelry box.
7. Bree _____ upstairs and knocked on the housekeeper's door.
8. An apron had been hastily thrown over an _____ that sat on the nightstand.
9. Bree could see the corner of a wooden box, and she _____ Maude if it was hers.
10. Maude said that it had been in her _____ for years.
11. Bree asked _____ to open the box.
12. The housekeeper's hand shook as she inserted the _____ brass key into the tarnished lock.

The Case of the Troublesome Tickets

1. What is wrong with the tickets? _____

2. Who are The Bright Stars? _____
3. Who will benefit from ticket sales to the concert? _____

4. Why couldn't Mrs. Seabright's class attend the concert? _____

5. Who surprised Mrs. Seabright's class with tickets to the concert?

6. Where do you think Harvey got the tickets he sold to Mrs. Woodward?

7. Why would Mrs. Woodward have to pay "a fortune" for the tickets?

8. Name three mistakes Harvey made with the tickets. _____

9. How do you think Mrs. Woodward will feel about her nephew after she hears about the tickets? _____

The Case of the Troublesome Tickets

sorry	authority	fortune
tickets	before	rubbed
line	compared	sold
block	Bright	their

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. The students in Dora Seabright's class wanted to attend The _____ Stars' sold-out concert.
2. The day _____ the concert, Dora told Bree Cody that Mrs. Woodward dropped off tickets for The Bright Stars' concert.
3. "Her nephew, Harvey, _____ her enough tickets for my class!" she said.
4. Bree wondered how the nephew could have gotten so many _____ the day before the big concert.
5. "They must have cost Mrs. Woodward a _____," Bree thought.
6. On concert night, Mrs. Seabright's students were in _____ at City Theatre.
7. Mr. Roberts, one of the ticket takers, moved in front of the crowd to _____ the path.
8. "Hold it," he said with _____. "You can't use these tickets."
9. The students asked Bree to take a look at _____ tickets.
10. Bree _____ several of the students' pale pink tickets with her own bright pink one.
11. As she handled the pale pink tickets, some ink _____ off onto her fingers and the numbers were the same.
12. "I'm _____, but Mr. Roberts is right. You can't use these tickets," Bree said.

The Case of the Mismarked Mongrel

1. How did Bree know Hal shouldn't win the prize? _____

2. What did a dog need to have to be entered in this contest? _____

3. What breed of dog is Hal? _____
4. Name two other breeds of dog entered in the contest. _____

5. How do you think Cloris got a dark spot on her glove? _____

6. Why do people turn to Bree for help when something unusual has happened? _____
7. What did Bree figure out after she found the black hair dye and the towel? _____

8. Do you think Bree's cat Rico enjoyed going to the contest? _____

Why or why not? _____

9. Which dog do you think should have won the contest? _____

What will the dog receive as the winner? _____

The Case of the Mismarked Mongrel

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strangest

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won

agreed

dashed

Use words in the box to complete each sentence.

1. Junior Detective Bree Cody and her cat Rico _____ to a dog contest.
2. The dog with the _____ markings would get a blue ribbon and the owner would receive \$100.
3. Bree saw a tan Chihuahua with white _____ that looked like dog biscuits.
4. The most interesting marking belonged to a _____ Dane.
5. He _____ a perfect, black heart on his head.
6. The judges _____ that Hal, the dog with the heart, should have the prize.
7. Bree's friend Cloris Hannamaker _____ up to her and squeaked, "I just petted Hal and look at my glove."
8. Her white glove had a dark _____ on it.
9. Baffled, Bree _____ Cloris to the kennel area.
10. Cloris pointed to a white terry cloth towel with a black smudge on it in the _____.
11. Bree started to say it didn't mean anything when Cloris held up an _____ packet of black hair dye.
12. "Hold it," called Bree to the judge. "Hal has not _____ the contest!"

PG#**Case #101 The Case of the Missing Girl**

- 1 1. Sue, the missing girl 2. Mr. Larson; math 3. (F) (O) (O) (O) (F) 4. something that belonged to her; sweater 5. smell 6. taste, touch, sound, sight 7. their good sense of smell; answers may vary 8. sight; answers will vary 9. answers will vary
- 2 1. math 2. shouted 3. them 4. lunch 5. gave 6. sniffed 7. ground 8. the 9. sleeping Alpha Order: gave, ground, lunch, math, shouted, sleeping, sniffed, the, them

Case #102 The Case of the Killer Whale

- 3 1. the man from Oceans West 2. Sea World 3. answers will vary; might bark at or chase the animals 4. killer whale 5. bad fish 6. (M) (F) (F) (F) (M) 7. he carried a pail and looked around and around 8. bald head, big round glasses 9. sign that read: See Jaws...Our Whale That Beats Shamu. See Oceans West...The Park for You 10. to get people to come to his park and not Sea World; answers may vary
- 4 1. loved 2. reason 3. was 4. Shamu 5. man 6. carried 7. he 8. That 9. made Alpha Order: carried, he, loved, made, man, reason, Shamu, That, was

Case #103 The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

- 5 1. a clown 2. at the circus 3. clowns 4. popcorn and cotton candy 5. it's spun sugar that looks like cotton 6. painted faces, funny hats, and clothes 7. sticky pink stuff on his face 8. answers will vary; confront the clown; buy Wendy another cotton candy; tell the circus manager 9. answers will vary 10. answers will vary
- 6 1. candy 2. watching 3. some 4. in 5. against 6. is 7. around 8. clowns 9. know Alpha Order: against, around, candy, clowns, in, is, know, some, watching

Case #104 The Case of the Haunted Mansion

- 7 1. he found the people who were stealing wallets 2. Disneyland 3. why people are losing their wallets at the Haunted Mansion 4. in little cars 5. ghosts 6. pickpocket 7. two teenagers 8. big crowds 9. pushed close up against a man, then quickly ran from that man to another and another 10. answers will vary
- 8 1. losing 2. the 3. ghosts 4. wallet 5. mansion 6. caught 7. push 8. them 9. my Alpha Order: caught, ghosts, losing, mansion, my, push, the, them, wallet

Case #105 The Case of the Forged Letter

- 9 1. there were no records in Washington's day 2. Sam's dog 3. they were about to go for a walk, and he wanted to play 4. yes, he is always there for anyone with a problem 5. signatures, art, checks, legal documents 6. find out if his letter was real 7. from George Washington to his wife Martha 8. history 9. torn at the edges, brown with age, faded writing 10. I loved the orchestra's music when I heard their newest record last week.
- 10 1. leaving 2. said 3. is 4. famous 5. happy 6. case 7. looked 8. music 9. forgery Alpha Order: case, famous, forgery, happy, is, leaving, looked, music, said

PG#**Case #106 The Case of the Carnival Money**

- 11 1. he knows that Dan took the money 2. school carnival 3. dunk tank; balloon pop; ring toss 4. selling popcorn 5. a tear in his shirt 6. He notices small things that others don't. 7. in the ticket booth; Miss Smith 8. found a scrap of green cloth on a nail by the side window of the ticket booth; Dan was wearing a green shirt with a tear in it. 9. climbed in the window 10. lock up the money, take the money with her, answers will vary
- 12 1. having 2. of 3. friend 4. her 5. green 6. shouted 7. booth 8. caught 9. took Alpha Order: booth, caught, friend, green, having, her, of, shouted, took

Case #107 The Case of the Birthday Party Mystery

- 13 1. Because Watson was licking the frosting off Lucy's hand, he knew Lucy had put her hand in the cake. 2. He gets to lick the frosting from the children's hands. 3. a gold birthstone ring 4. The candles were lit. Wendy's mother turned off the lights. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Wendy. Wendy blew out the candles. Someone took the ring off the cake. The lights were turned on. 5. decorated with pink roses and white icing; tiny platform in the middle held a gold birthstone ring 6. platform in the middle was empty and icing had been smeared 7. answers will vary 8. answers will vary 9. answers will vary
- 14 1. birthday 2. let 3. was 4. cake 5. off 6. cried 7. see 8. hand 9. who Alpha Order: birthday, cake, cried, hand, let, off, see, who

Case #108 The Case of the False Alarm

- 15 1. wet paint on the alarm handle 2. Mr. Larson, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Brown 3. two boys – one in Mrs. Jones' class, one in Mr. Brown's class 4. always near the alarm when it goes off 5. Mrs. Jones' class 6. the boy working on the art project might have wet paint on his hands when he pulls the alarm 7. dogs not allowed in; school was almost out for the day; he was ready to play 8. the alarm went off again 9. no, because in the story Mr. Larson says the false alarms happened since the new system was put in 10. answers will vary
- 16 1. asked 2. new 3. the 4. class 5. at 6. studied 7. paint 8. on 9. boy Alpha Order: asked, at, boy, class, new, on, paint, studied

Case #109 The Case of the Missing Piggy Bank

- 17 1. new-fallen snow 2. someone stole his piggy bank 3. to buy a bike so he could help his family by having a paper route 4. watching TV 5. footprints in the snow, leading from the bedroom window to the neighbor's back door 6. No, the neighbor stole his piggy bank. 7. in the kitchen getting a drink of water 8. left his window unlocked, or open; answers will vary 9. footprints in the wet ground; fingerprints on the window; answers will vary 10. called the police; answers will vary
- 18 1. dog 2. calling 3. my 4. will 5. footsteps 6. backdoor 7. you 8. for 9. know Alpha Order: backdoor, calling, dog, footsteps, for, know, my, will

Answer Key

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Case #110 The Case of the Senator's Party

- 19 1. it didn't fall off, it was cut off 2. the Senator was an important person; they had helped him with important projects; answers will vary 3. to raise money for his project to clean the air and water 4. the people, the animals, the environment in his state 5. men in fancy suits; women in long gowns and jewels 6. had something that looked like a wire cutter on his belt 7. large diamond in the middle of a circle of rubies 8. waiter used wire cutters to cut the necklace from around her neck 9. yes, had the wire cutter on his belt; knew there would be wealthy people there 10. important, wealthy, concerned about the environment, takes on important projects, knows a lot of people; answers may vary
- 20 1. proud 2. very 3. the 4. serving 5. wire 6. open 7. gone 8. thought 9. necklace Alpha Order: gone, necklace, open, proud, serving, the, thought, very

Case #111 The Case of the Phony Painting

- 21 1. there was a toaster in the picture, and the paintings were supposed to have been done before there was electricity 2. beautiful, sunny, warm 3. children, artists, people looking at art 4. phony 5. Brown 6. art show and sale 7. 100 years old 8. art dealer 9. No; because the paintings were phony, Mr. Jones might have painted them himself and not found them in an attic as he claimed; answers may vary 10. fridge, stove, microwave, dishwasher, mixer; answers will vary
- 22 1. go 2. park 3. were 4. looking 5. will 6. electricity 7. at 8. corner 9. it's Alpha Order: at, corner, electricity, go, it's, looking, park, were, will

Case #112 The Case of the Phantom Piano

- 23 1. the person in a garage working on a car 2. (F) (O) (O) (F) (O) 3. rain, thunder, lightning 4. he heard the sound of his piano but no one was there to play it 5. No, he told Sam it had happened three times in a matter of hours. 6. magnifying glass 7. it was open a few inches; there was grease on the window sill 8. traces of oil, drops of rain 9. black fingerprint 10. answers will vary
- 24 1. on 2. nobody 3. understand 4. the 5. music 6. clues 7. oil 8. playing 9. and Alpha Order: and, clues, music, nobody, oil, on, playing, the, understand

Case #201 The Case of the Rugged Ransom

- 25 1. Sissy; she wanted the money to buy a sweater 2. Sissy Morgan's dog 3. handwriting was that of a young person; the amount of the ransom was unusual; only Buddy and Sissy knew about the hole in the oak tree 4. she had unexpected bills to pay 5. Sissy asked her mother for money to go to the mall to buy a sweater. Sissy became angry with her mother. A ransom note demanding \$36.29 was attached to Rags' collar. Rags wandered into the yard where Buddy was playing. Buddy found a ransom note and thought Sissy had been kidnapped. 6. \$36.29 7. (F) (T) (F) (T) 8. answers will vary 9. answers will vary
- 26 1. yard 2. to 3. envelope 4. ran 5. was 6. ransom 7. asked 8. leaving 9. her 10. where 11. sweater 12. wrote

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Case #202 The Case of the Bashful Barterer

- 27 1. pack rat 2. barterer 3. answers will vary; they keep everything they find 4. brown twig and small, smooth stone 5. Bree's aunt and uncle 6. followed Rico the cat 7. his tail 8. because he left something for the ring 9. bashful 10. answers will vary
- 28 1. was 2. way 3. riding 4. at 5. upset 6. table 7. where 8. inspected 9. across 10. led 11. small 12. thief

Case #203 The Case of the Big Bully

- 29 1. using a coin with heads on both sides 2. mock, jeer, ridicule 3. He was bigger, older and he tricked them out of their lunch money. 4. bad trait – overbearing, haughty person with false or inflated sense of himself 5. gold pocket watch 6. Jim's was a two-faced coin; Bree's was a regular coin. 7. He didn't want to look like a coward in front of the other children. 8. scam 9. angry, didn't want to play anymore 10. answers will vary
- 30 1. shiny 2. this 3. trying 4. and 5. observed 6. end 7. asked 8. have 9. quarter 10. turn 11. won 12. discovered

Case #204 The Case of the Forest Park Thief

- 31 1. He was startled by the noise and turned around to see what caused it. 2. (F) (F) (T) 3. He ran across the field as fast as he could to tell Bree about his CD player. 4. A boy on a bike ran into a trash can. 5. sign language 6. He wasn't really deaf, and didn't understand sign language. 7. startled 8. left his CD player unwatched on a bench 9. answers will vary 10. a boy playing in the area
- 32 1. stole 2. could 3. place 4. who 5. walked 6. that 7. question 8. into 9. loud 10. see 11. player 12. thief

Case #205 The Case of the Theater Theft

- 33 1. Donald Evans 2. purse had grease spots on it; Donald had greasy hands 3. six 4. (T) (F) (F) (T) 5. a new theater complex had opened 6. nervous, was twisting a towel 7. Donald spilled butter on the counter and floor. 8. suspicious 9. called the police 10. He didn't have grease on him; he didn't see anyone run from the theater; he had gone to get a mop while Donald cleaned up; answers may vary
- 34 1. had 2. huge 3. pierced 4. theater 5. it 6. purse 7. questioned 8. sneaking 9. seen 10. butter 11. stains 12. who

Case #206 The Case of the Soccer Switch

- 35 1. that the teenage boys had ruined their soccer ball and were trying to cover it up 2. pleasant, pretty, beautiful 3. answers will vary 4. loud, angry voices 5. Edward, the leader of the teens 6. They wouldn't be able to check out anymore balls from the park office. 7. Mr. Hope 8. calm but stern, in control 9. they were roughhousing and fell on the ball; answers may vary 10. they are older and bigger and could scare the younger boys; answers will vary
- 36 1. leaves 2. enjoy 3. make 4. several 5. accused 6. oldest 7. tried 8. out 9. problem 10. stern 11. investigating 12. under

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Case #207 The Case of the Distressed Druggist

- 37** 1. answers may vary 2. angry, sad, weary, rushed 3. Vita Rite Drugstore 4. banned them from his store 5. hardware store; can buy spray paint there 6. the word "banned" had been misspelled; Joe and his friends had been banned 7. like they left their manners at the door 8. the clues pointed to Joe Pendleton, Mr. Dower said Mandy and her friends were good kids 9. read the comic books without paying for them; left the racks in a mess
- 38** 1. asked 2. store 3. distressed 4. heard 5. mess 6. comic 7. spray 8. trouble 9. eyes 10. After 11. from 12. vandals

Case #208 The Case of Skulduggery

- 39** 1. 20 2. They were on a crime-watch walk. 3. He had died, and the house was being cleared out for sale. 4. David Crossman 5. (F) (O) (F) 6. Professor Holmes had hidden the skull in a crate in his house; answers may vary 7. Property of Madison Museum. Professor Holmes, Curator 8. person in charge of a museum 9. 300 years ago 10. Professor Holmes received the \$40,000 for his research; Professor Bressler couldn't prove his theory.
- 40** 1. they 2. letters 3. bumped 4. were 5. took 6. Where 7. behind 8. Museum 9. case 10. old 11. research 12. instead

Case #209 The Case of Mistaken Identity

- 41** 1. Danny 2. Whitehall University Science Fair 3. Thomas Gray 4. antennae are different – moth's are feathery, no knobs; butterfly's are thin and end in knobs 5. butterflies active in the day, have colorful wings; moths are smaller, less colorful and active mostly at night; both are members of Lepidoptera class of insects, both have 4 wings 6. school open house 7. Danny 8. rain forest of Australia 9. his specimen had feathery antennae and no knobs 10. Randy: 3; Danny: none; his was a jungle moth stolen from Professor Gray
- 42** 1. rare 2. someone 3. difference 4. went 5. butterflies 6. first 7. three 8. long 9. years 10. Science 11. early 12. resembles

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Case #210 The Case of the Missing Jewelry Box

- 43** 1. Maude 2. antique, wooden, tarnished hinges and lock 3. Steve and Stephanie Johnson 4. Stephanie's great-grandmother 5. housekeeper 6. priceless 7. tarnished old key 8. feather on the dresser 9. She was the cook, never went into the bedroom and resented having her honesty doubted. 10. the box is old and the lock is tarnished; key is new and doesn't belong to the box
- 44** 1. investigation 2. tarnished 3. feather 4. were 5. noticed 6. nothing 7. went 8. object 9. asked 10. family 11. her 12. shiny

Case #211 The Case of the Troublesome Tickets

- 45** 1. They are not real tickets; they're counterfeit. They are the wrong color, all the numbers are the same, and the ink rubs off 2. popular singing group 3. Newtown Children's Hospital 4. it was sold out 5. Mrs. Woodward 6. He probably printed them up himself; answers may vary 7. Because the concert was sold out, and tickets were difficult to find which made them more valuable. 8. wrong color, numbered incorrectly, ink rubbed off 9. answers will vary
- 46** 1. Bright 2. before 3. sold 4. tickets 5. fortune 6. line 7. block 8. authority 9. their 10. compared 11. rubbed 12. sorry

Case #212 The Case of the Mismarked Mongrel

- 47** 1. The heart shape on his head was fake. 2. strange markings 3. Great Dane 4. Chihuahua, beagle, spitz 5. She touched the heart on Hal's head. 6. She's a Junior Detective and can solve the mystery. 7. Someone had used it to make the black heart shape on Hal. 8. answers will vary 9. answers will vary; blue ribbon and \$100
- 48** 1. went 2. strangest 3. markings 4. Great 5. had 6. agreed 7. dashed 8. spot 9. followed 10. wastebasket 11. empty 12. won

