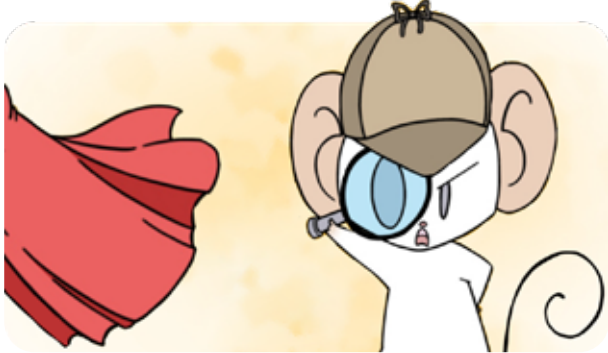


The Case of the Missing Blanket

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Distributor



Age

9

Genre

Fiction / Mystery

Word Count

291 Words

Story at a Glance

Mouse Detective set off to investigate his missing blanket. He sniffed around the bed but only found his mother's thimble. He was sad when it came time for his birthday party. Mother gave him his first present. Mother patched up the holes in the blanket and made it bigger since he had grown so much.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *The Case of the Missing Blanket*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

detective

a person who solves crimes and gathers information that is not easy to find

snack

to have a light meal

cape

a sleeveless outer clothing hanging from the shoulders and tied around the neck

sniff

to smell

thimble

a small metal or plastic cap to protect the finger that pushes the needle when sewing

houseplant

plants grown indoors

serious

not joking or fooling

tore (tear)

to pull apart

case

a situation that is being looked into

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 The Mouse _____ is once again on the case.

- ① Snack
- ② Thimble
- ③ Detective

02 I even used my blanket as a _____ when I tried to fly.

- ① thimble
- ② houseplant
- ③ cape

03 No one saw how _____ the problem was.

- ① torn
- ② serious
- ③ warm

04 I _____ the paper into pieces sadly.

- ① tore
- ② snacked
- ③ missed

05 My mother always wears a _____ on her finger before sewing.

- ① thimble
- ② brush
- ③ cape

Words Building

After reading *The Case of the Missing Blanket*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

detective

snack

cape

sniff

thimble

houseplant

serious

tore (tear)

Grammar

Choose the verb that tells about actions that already happened.

<Sample>

This morning I **woke** up early.

- 01 How many fun times we had, my blanket and I.
- 02 "I made your blanket bigger."
- 03 And then it was time to open my gifts.
- 04 I knew that soft, warm friend.
- 05 I looked between the walls and behind the houseplants and under the rugs.

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01** It was Mouse Detective's birthday. T / F
- 02** Mouse Detective would rather be missing a leg. T / F
- 03** The bed was cold without the blanket. T / F
- 04** Mouse Detective looked between the walls and behind the houseplants. T / F

Understanding #2

- 01** What is the main idea of the story?
- ① Mouse Detective and the blanket had many fun times.
 - ② Mouse Detective could not find his blanket on his birthday.
 - ③ A wrong must be righted.
- 02** The bed was cold _____.
- ① without the pillow
 - ② without the toast crumbs
 - ③ without the blanket
 - ④ without the cape
- 03** I even used my blanket as a cape when _____.
- ① I tried to fly
 - ② I played with the dog
 - ③ my mother was sewing
 - ④ it was time for my birthday party
- 04** My mother made my blanket bigger and fixed _____.
- ① the sides
 - ② the middle
 - ③ the cape
 - ④ the holes

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

I looked by the chair where the dog brings things to chew. But nothing! No sign of my dear, dear blanket.



Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

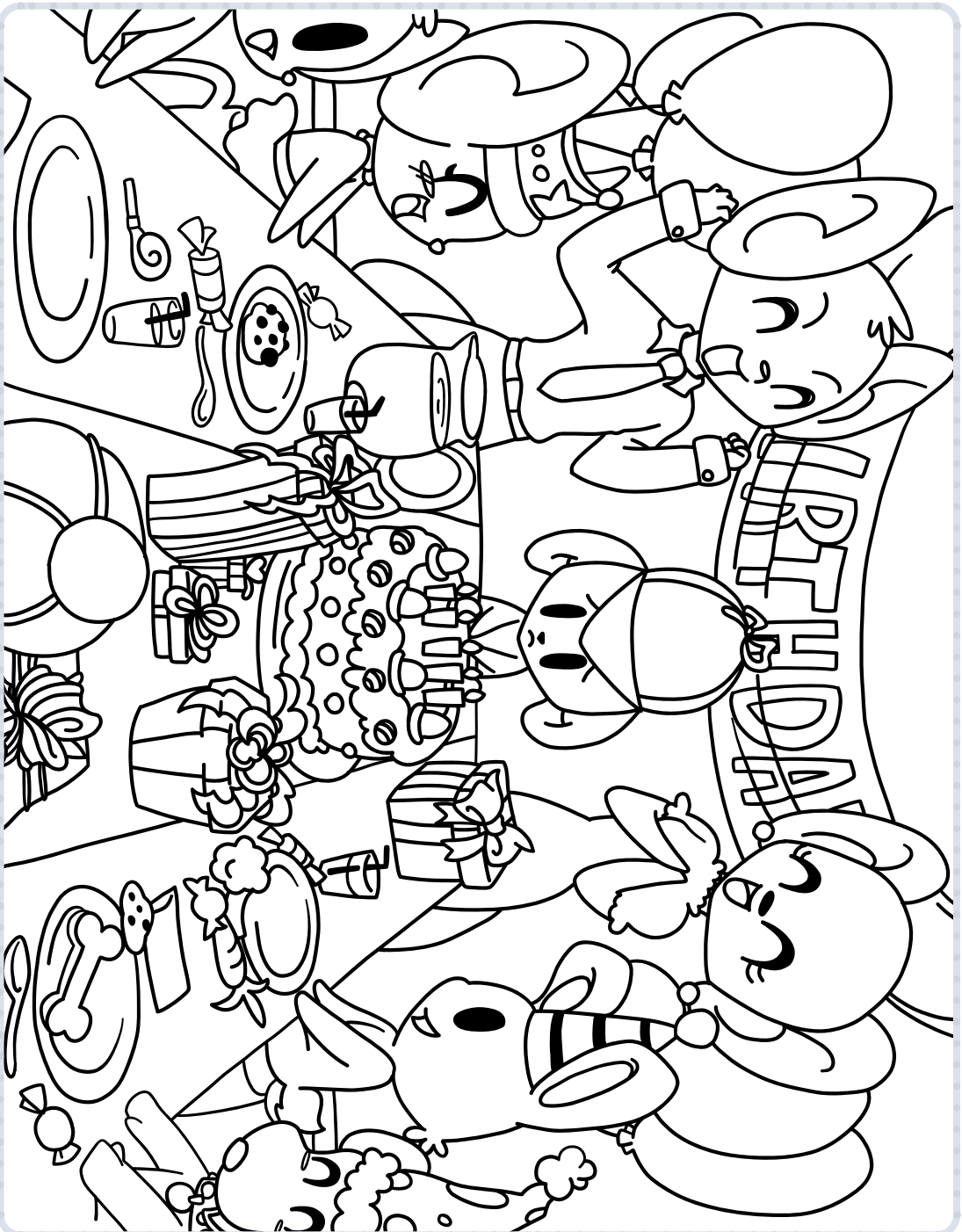
I tore at the paper sadly. Until I saw something I knew. That red cloth! I knew that soft, warm friend. It was my blanket!



Coloring Sheet

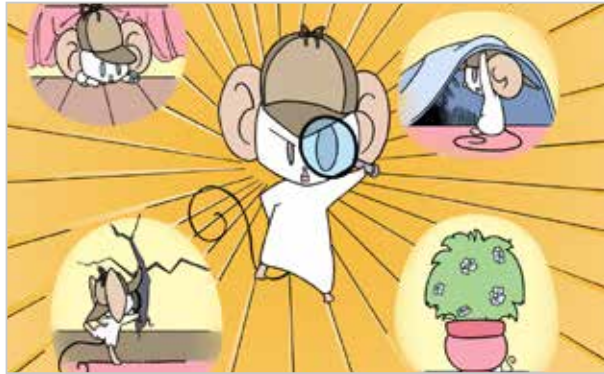
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Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



The Mouse Detective is once again on the case.

I _____ . All I found was my mother's thimble.

I looked _____ and

_____ and _____ .

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

01 When Mouse Detective was first looking for the blanket, where did you think it went?

02 Why did Mouse Detective's mom not tell him where the blanket was?

03 If you were Mouse Detective's mom, would you have done the same thing she did or get him something else?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

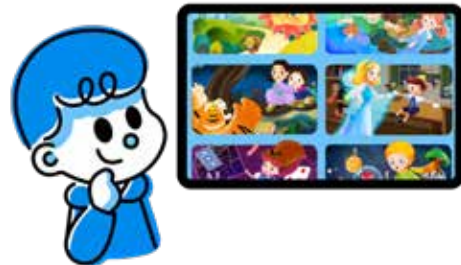


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Become a main character in the storybook



① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *The Case of the Missing Blanket* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *The Case of the Missing Blanket*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ③
- 2 - ③
- 3 - ②
- 4 - ①
- 5 - ①

Grammar

- 1 - had
- 2 - made
- 3 - was
- 4 - knew
- 5 - looked

Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - T
- 4 - T

Understanding #2

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ③
- 3 - ①
- 4 - ④

Understanding #3

- Top - ②
- Bottom - ④

Speaking Fluency

The Mouse Detective is once again on the case.

I sniffed around the bed. All I found was my mother's thimble.

I looked between the walls and behind the houseplants and under the rugs.

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. I thought a cat or someone else took it because they liked it just like Mouse Detective liked it.
2. Mouse Detective's mom did not tell him where the blanket was because she wanted to keep it a surprise. Even though he was looking everywhere for it, his detective work kept him busy before his birthday party.
3. I think I would have let him keep the smaller blanket and I would have bought him a new blanket or something else he needed. Getting him something new would help him make new memories with his new gift.