



Year 5 Comprehension 11: The Mystery Of The Missing Book



In the bustling halls of Willowbrook Elementary School, there was always a sense of excitement in the air, especially when it came to the school library. Mrs. Turner, the school librarian, was known for her love of books and her impeccable organization skills. But one sunny morning, a mystery unfolded that left everyone puzzled.

It all began when Sarah, a fifth-grader with a passion for mystery novels, headed to the library to return her favourite book, "The Secret Detective." She had just finished reading it and wanted to share it with her friends. However, when she reached the library, she couldn't find the book anywhere on the shelves.

Confused and concerned, Sarah approached Mrs. Turner and asked, "Mrs. Turner, have you seen 'The Secret Detective'? I can't find it on the shelf."

Mrs. Turner, usually composed and knowledgeable, furrowed her brow and replied, "That's strange, dear. 'The Secret Detective' should be right there. Let me check the catalogue."

After a thorough search, Mrs. Turner confirmed that the book was indeed missing from the library's inventory. She decided to inform Principal Johnson about the situation and asked for the students' help in solving the mystery.



Sarah and her friends, Daniel and Lily, eagerly volunteered to be the "Library Detectives" and cracked the case of the missing book. They began their investigation by interviewing their classmates who had recently borrowed the book.

As they talked to their peers, they uncovered some intriguing clues. One student mentioned seeing a torn page from the book in the school courtyard, and another said they overheard someone talking about a hidden treasure in the library.

The young detectives followed these leads. In the courtyard, they discovered a torn page with a peculiar symbol on it. It looked like a magnifying glass, which was the emblem of the school's Mystery Book Club.

With this new information, the trio decided to visit the Mystery Book Club. There, they met Alex, the club's president, who confessed that they had hidden "The Secret Detective" as part of a treasure hunt. The torn page was a clue to finding the book.

Alex led them back to the library, where they searched high and low for the hidden treasure. Finally, Sarah, Daniel, and Lily found a secret compartment behind a bookshelf. Inside, they found not only "The Secret Detective" but also a note from the Mystery Book Club, inviting them to join.

With the mystery solved, Sarah, Daniel, and Lily shared their findings with Mrs. Turner and Principal Johnson. They all had a good laugh and appreciated the cleverness of the Mystery Book Club's treasure hunt.

From that day forward, the library became an even more exciting place for Sarah and her friends. They joined the Mystery Book Club, where they continued to solve mysteries in the pages of their favourite books. And as they closed the book on the mystery of the missing book, they realized that sometimes, the most captivating mysteries could be found within the pages of a good story.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What did Sarah want to do when she went to the library?

- A) Borrow a new book
- B) Return her favourite book
- C) Meet her friends
- D) Solve a mystery

2. Who was the school librarian?

- A) Mrs. Johnson
- B) Mrs. Turner
- C) Mrs. Smith
- D) Mrs. Davis

3. Why did Sarah visit the library that morning?

- A) To find a treasure
- B) To solve a mystery
- C) To return a book
- D) To meet the principal

4. What was the title of the missing book?

- A) The Secret Garden
- B) The Mystery of the Missing Book
- C) The Secret Detective
- D) The Enchanted Realm



5. What did Sarah and her friends decide to do when they couldn't find the book?
- A) Give up
 - B) Tell the principal
 - C) Ask Mrs. Turner for help
 - D) Become Library Detectives
6. What did one of the students mention about the missing book?
- A) They saw it in the cafeteria
 - B) They found a torn page in the courtyard
 - C) They borrowed it and forgot to return it
 - D) They overheard a teacher talking about it
7. What was the emblem on the torn page found in the courtyard?
- A) A heart
 - B) A magnifying glass
 - C) A star
 - D) A book
8. Where did the young detectives follow their leads to?
- A) The principal's office
 - B) The Mystery Book Club
 - C) The school cafeteria
 - D) The school courtyard



9. What did the young detectives find in the secret compartment behind a bookshelf?

- A) A hidden treasure map
- B) "The Secret Detective" book
- C) A message from the principal
- D) A note from their teacher

10. What did the Mystery Book Club invite Sarah, Daniel, and Lily to do?

- A) Join their club
- B) Solve more mysteries
- C) Borrow books
- D) Attend a school assembly



Short Answer Questions

1. Who is the main character in the story?

2. What was the title of the missing book?

3. What was unusual about Sarah's visit to the library?

4. Who was the school librarian in the story?



5. What did the torn page from the book have on it?

6. What did Sarah, Daniel, and Lily decide to do when they couldn't find the book?

7. What clue did they uncover in the school courtyard?

8. Where did the young detectives finally find the missing book?



9. Who had hidden the book, and why?

10. What invitation did Sarah, Daniel, and Lily receive at the end of the story?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions

1. B) Return her favourite book
2. B) Mrs. Turner
3. C) To return a book
4. C) The Secret Detective
5. D) Become Library Detectives
6. B) They found a torn page in the courtyard
7. B) A magnifying glass
8. B) The Mystery Book Club
9. B) "The Secret Detective" book
10. A) Join their club

Short Answer Questions

1. The main character in the story is Sarah.
2. The missing book was titled "The Secret Detective."
3. Sarah couldn't find "The Secret Detective" on the library shelves when she went to return it.
4. The school librarian was Mrs. Turner.
5. The torn page had a magnifying glass symbol on it.
6. They decided to become "Library Detectives" and solve the mystery of the missing book.
7. They found a torn page with a magnifying glass symbol in the school courtyard.
8. They found the missing book in a secret compartment behind a bookshelf in the library.
9. The Mystery Book Club had hidden the book as part of a treasure hunt.
10. At the end of the story, they received an invitation to join the Mystery Book Club.



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