2ND GRADE READING · FICTION

The Case of the Missing Lunchbox

Name _____ **Date** _____

Fiction | 132 words | Clues and story events

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. On Monday morning, Leo couldn't find his lunchbox. He looked on the kitchen table. He looked in his backpack. It wasn't there.

2. "Let's be **detectives,"** said his sister Hana. "First, we look for **clues."**

3. The first clue was on the floor: a trail of cracker crumbs leading to the back door. The second clue was outside on the porch: a wet paw print. The third clue was a noise. Crunch, crunch, crunch! It was coming from under the porch steps.

4. Leo and Hana bent down and **peeked.** There was Biscuit, their puppy, with the lunchbox between his paws. The lid was open, and the crackers were gone!

5. Leo laughed. "Case closed," he said. Dad packed Leo a new lunch, and Hana made a sign for the kitchen: KEEP LUNCHBOXES AWAY FROM BISCUIT.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Case of the Missing Lunchbox: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the story to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What was missing?

(a) Leo's backpack (b) Leo's lunchbox (c) Hana's shoe

2. What was the first clue?

(a) a wet paw print (b) a noise (c) cracker crumbs

3. Who took the lunchbox?

(a) Hana (b) Biscuit the puppy (c) Dad

2 Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

- [ ] They heard a crunching noise.
- [ ] They found Biscuit under the steps.
- [ ] They found cracker crumbs.
- [ ] Leo could not find his lunchbox.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Case of the Missing Lunchbox: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

detectives	○	○ looked quickly
clues	○	○ things that help solve a mystery
peeked	○	○ people who solve mysteries

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

Why did Hana make a sign for the kitchen?

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3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: The Case of the Missing Lunchbox

1 Circle the best answer

1. b) Leo's lunchbox
2. c) cracker crumbs
3. b) Biscuit the puppy

2 Order of events

Numbers as printed, top to bottom: 3, 4, 2, 1

1. Leo could not find his lunchbox.
2. They found cracker crumbs.
3. They heard a crunching noise.
4. They found Biscuit under the steps.

3 Word meanings

detectives: people who solve mysteries

clues: things that help solve a mystery

peeked: looked quickly

4 Written answer (sample)

So everyone would keep lunchboxes away from Biscuit, because he took the lunchbox and ate the crackers.

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