Lesson 4: Solve The Mystery

UNIT: Detective Series

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Anne!

My friend lives in a place that gets snow every winter.

One time, she was looking for her mom but couldn't find her anywhere in the house. It was quite the mystery!

My friend went to the entryway of her house, and she noticed that some things had changed. Here's what she noticed:

- Her mom's jacket wasn't on the hook where it normally was.
- The pillows on the couch were moved.
- There was an unopened package.
- The snow shovel was gone.
- The picture on the wall was crooked.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: Which changes do you think could be clues about where my friend's mom went?

HOOK 2

Any of these changes could be clues. Without more information, it's hard to say for sure which ones are clues and which ones aren't.

Eventually, my friend finally spotted her mom—it turns out she went outside to shovel snow in the driveway.

Mystery solved!

Now that we know her mom was shoveling snow, we can look back at the entryway and figure out which changes were clues about where she went.

The missing jacket and the missing snow shovel are two clues that work together to show where her mom went. It's okay if you thought the other changes were clues at first. Until we knew where her mom went, it was impossible to know.

You've been working on solving a mystery too, in "The Case of the Missing Grandpa."

We don't know where Grandpa is yet, but Rohan has been on the case and has found lots of clues.

DISCUSSION 2

Discuss: Work together with your class to retell what has happened so far in "The Case of the Missing Grandpa."

HOOK 3

Nice job retelling the story so far!

In the last lesson, you answered two questions about how Rohan discovered the hidden door. In your writing, you included an answer to the question, evidence, and an explanation.

This strategy is a great way to write a written response to a question. But sometimes, an answer to a question can come from more than one part of a story. That means there is more than one piece of evidence.

The two pieces of evidence can work together to show an answer. Before we can answer any questions, we will read the last chapter of "The Case of the Missing Grandpa."

I'm so excited to find out where Grandpa is!

After we read, the author has sent us one final letter and a question to answer about the story. I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

STEP 3

Let's read Chapter Four. If you'd like to read the story on your own, you can pause the video now, or you can keep watching to hear me read the story aloud. Follow along in your copy of Chapter Four.

Chapter Four.

As the secret door opened, I saw a soft, flickering light reveal itself from beyond the bookshelf. Inside the bookshelf was a smaller room than the study, also lined with books. The room was lit by a flickering lantern and had two squat armchairs in it. Sitting in one of those armchairs… was Grandpa. A huge smile broke across my face and was mirrored on his.

"I knew you'd figure it out," Grandpa said. "Not just anyone can find the secret reading room, you know. You really proved yourself by figuring out the clues."

"What is this place?" I asked, completely in wonder at the secret room I had never known existed here.

"I found this room when I bought this house," Grandpa replied. "This house was built so long ago. I'm not entirely sure why the original builders put it in. Maybe it was for hiding valuable things… or possibly it was a place for people to hide while escaping from war… I may never know, but it's interesting to imagine."

I couldn't believe my eyes. Grandpa had his very own secret library. Not only that, he had created an entire mystery for me to find it.

"Now," he continued, "I've made it into a secret library. This place is reserved for enthusiastic readers, like you." He gestured to the squat armchair next to him. I felt a thrill of excitement as I looked at the reading chair of honor. Without missing a beat, I bounded into the chair and whipped out my copy of *The Secret Library*. I grinned, thinking about reading *The Secret Library* inside an actual secret library. I paused before opening it.

"Actually, Grandpa," I said, handing him the book, "why don't you read this one? I have a different one I'm reading." And I got out Grandpa's copy of *The Secret of the Old Clock*. He smiled, and we settled in to read.

A week later, it was time to say goodbye. My mom had returned to pick me up and was helping load my suitcase back into the car.

"How was it?" she asked. "Were you bored to tears?" I thought about telling her about Grandpa's secret library, but that would make it less secret. Besides, that place was Grandpa's and my special reading room.

"No," I replied. "It was fun." She looked mildly surprised but seemed pleased with that answer and buckled her seatbelt. I looked out the window of the car at Grandpa's house longingly. He waved to me from the front porch, and I waved back. Sure, Grandpa's house had a weird smell and was full of old stuff and a TV that barely worked, but it also had a secret library.Even though Grandpa's house in the countryside didn't allow us to go on adventures like when he lived in the city, he still knew how to create grand adventures for me. I waved goodbye, already looking forward to my next visit.

THE END.

STEP 4

Wow! What a fun solution to the story.

Grandpa set up this whole mystery to help Rohan find an actual secret library.

We finally know the solution to the mystery. But the author has a bit more to say.

Get the class letter. Have one person in your class read the letter out loud. When you're done reading, move on to the next step.

STEP 5

Get your Chapter 4 Continued worksheet.

Find question number eight. The question is:

"How did Rohan change from the beginning to the end of the story?"

Well, we know what happens at the end of Chapter Four, but we'll need to look back at the beginning of the story too to answer the whole question.

To get started, unclip your case file and get out Chapter One of the story.

Then, put your paperclip back on your case file.

STEP 6

Read the first page of Chapter One quietly to yourself.

When you're done, give a silent thumbs up.

STEP 7

Think about what Rohan is thinking and feeling at the beginning of the story. You can write your ideas in the empty space on your Chapter 1 worksheet.

STEP 8

Get your Chapter 4 worksheet.

Reread the last three paragraphs of the story. As you read, think about what Rohan is thinking and feeling at the end.

Write your ideas in the empty space of your Chapter 4 worksheet.

STEP 9

Discuss with your partner: How did Rohan change from the beginning to the end of the story?

STEP 10

Maybe you said, "At the beginning of the story, Rohan didn't like going to Grandpa's house, and at the end, he loved Grandpa's house."

Maybe you said, "He changed by learning how much fun staying at Grandpa's house can be."

You may have said something else, and that's great!

Take a look at the chart on your Chapter 4 Continued worksheet. Let's start here, answering the questions in a complete sentence. Write your one-sentence answer using as many words from the question as you can.

STEP 11

It's time to find some evidence. Get your Chapter 1 worksheet.

Find one or two sentences from Chapter One that show how Rohan felt at the beginning of the story. Underline the evidence you want to use.

STEP 12

Use one of the sentence frames on your worksheet, then add your evidence.

STEP 13

Great job!

You have included evidence from the beginning of the story. But now we need to show how Rohan felt at the end of the story.

Look at the last page of Chapter Four.

Reread that page to find a sentence or two that shows how Rohan felt at the end of the story.

Underline the evidence you want to use.

STEP 14

Add your second evidence to your response. You can use the sentence starters on your worksheet if you want.

STEP 15

Now, you can explain both pieces of evidence to show how you know that Rohan changed. Try to write at least one sentence, but you can always write more.

STEP 16

Nice job, writers!

You answered this question using two pieces of evidence from the story. Together, they help explain your answer.

Before you move on, do a quick editing check on what you've written. You can check to make sure every sentence begins with a capital letter, and ends with a period.

Check to see if there are quotation marks around your evidence. And check your spelling.

You can ask your partner or use the story to see how to spell words.

Take a few minutes to edit your writing.

STEP 17

Another great way to check your writing is to read it out loud. When you read your writing out loud, you might find parts that don't sound right or things you want to change.

Take turns reading your writing out loud to your partner. If you want, you can make changes.

STEP 18

Trace the dotted lines on your worksheet to show how all the parts of your writing are connected.

STEP 19

Fold your Chapter 4 worksheet and Chapter 4 Continued worksheet in half, like this.

STEP 20

Take the paperclip off your case file.

Place both of your Chapter 4 worksheets behind all of your other worksheets inside of your case file.

Use your paperclip to hold your case file together.

STEP 21

Now you have solved "The Case of the Missing Grandpa," and you've answered all the questions that the author sent.

You can now write "Mystery solved!" anywhere you want on your case file.

WRAP UP

Amazing job, writers!

You have solved "The Case of the Missing Grandpa." You've shared your ideas in writing and used evidence and explanations to make strong responses.

All the strategies you used when answering questions about the story can be used any time you write an answer to a question. Just remember to write a complete sentence answer, give evidence, and an explanation.

And if there's more than one piece of evidence, that's great.

Now that you are skilled detectives and writers, who knows what mystery you'll solve next?

I'll see you next time!