

READING MYSTERY

ONCE UPON A CRIME
FOOL'S GOLD



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PREPARATION

- Print and photocopy pages 4-11 (pg 4 and 11 are optional to print if you want to save paper). Staple together into booklets or put into a case file folder.
- Page 5 is a 'Possible Suspects' list, which students will need to keep handy for eliminating characters as they discover clues throughout this reading mystery.

The worksheets must be completed in the order I have put them in.

HOW TO USE

Read page 4 to introduce the activity and state the case for your detectives.

Students will need to refer back to the suspect list (pg. 5) as they investigate. By the end, they should be able to narrow the suspect list down to just one character. The last character remaining (if done correctly) is the culprit!

Each activity page has a reading component, which is followed by either some questions, tasks or puzzles to solve. The answering section requires students to fill in letters on the blank lines. Referring back to the reading text will help them with the spelling and solving the missing letters to complete responses/statements or special words.

To crack the clue codes: the missing letters on the blank lines go into the empty boxes with the matching number underneath the line. (If you are familiar with my math mysteries, think of it as a reverse way to do this.) I've provided some examples for the first letter in the clues.

Page 11 is an optional way to declare who the culprit is, with an opportunity for some extra writing. Encourage your students to write their elimination reasoning with each clue. Tick the 'Well Done' box if the student declared the correct suspect and you are satisfied with the evidence (clues presented). Tick the 'Oops! Try Again!' box if they get the culprit wrong or do not have the proper clues listed. You could skip this part and just have your students present their eliminated suspect list to check if they are correct.

If your students are struggling with this activity, I recommend pausing frequently to discuss in groups or as a class.

ANSWERS

Answers and an elimination guide are provided on pages 12 – 17.

AWARDS

On page 18 you will find some newspaper article awards. You can give these to students who solve the case correctly and provide enough evidence of course! Keep these hidden until solved.

If you need help, have any questions, or notice an error in my work please email me on

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Thanks! ☺

TALE TOWN'S DETECTIVE AGENCY HEADQUARTERS

Detective, your phone is ringing, answer it . . .

Leroy McClumsy



"Top 'o' the morning to ye, Detective! Unfortunately, it's a bit of a sad morning for me, and I need your help fast. Now, I know I can be a bit clumsy, and I have a reputation for losing gold from time to time, but in this case, Paul Piggles at the market says my gold is fake! It shouldn't be; I found it at the rainbow's end! Anyway, when I tried to pay for my cupcake at Paul's market stall, he laughed and then just got mad! Paul said I couldn't fool him and should be ashamed for using fake gold to pay for things. Unfortunately, I already ate the cupcake, so he won't let me go. Paul is also threatening to turn me over to the police for fraud! He refuses to believe that I didn't know my gold was fake. Please, Detective, you must help prove that I am not a cheat, fix my reputation and figure out who has my real gold!"

You question why Leroy didn't realize that his gold wasn't real before going to the market.

"Look, I'm not a morning person, so I didn't notice something odd with my gold immediately. After Paul got mad, I took a closer look at my gold. The shape has changed from what I remember, but at first glance, it looks real. Paul keeps angrily rambling on that they are just cherries. I don't understand how this could've happened. How did my gold turn into fake golden cherries?"

Leroy McClumsy



If Leroy is telling the truth, you suggest that someone probably stole his gold and switched it with something fake so that he wouldn't notice immediately. Finally, you ask Leroy for further information before accepting his case.



"I've been staying with my friend Tinker Bell in the Fairy Forest. We both share a hut beneath the large old willow tree. I kept a pot of gold hidden behind my bed; I don't even think Tinker Bell knew it was there. I'm certain it was still there last night before I went to bed, but the switch must've happened sometime between when I went to sleep and before I went to the market this morning around 10:30 a.m. I can't believe how unlucky I've been today!"

You agree to investigate Leroy's case. You tell Leroy to remain calm and assure him that you will begin trying to solve this fool's gold mystery immediately.

On the following pages, you will be visiting locations to discover clues. As you complete each page, go over your possible suspect's list to see if any information found eliminates a character from stealing Leroy's pot of gold with the fake gold or figure out if Leroy is not telling you the truth!



POSSIBLE SUSPECTS

Suspect	Appearance	Character Traits	Special skill	Wears	Motive
Leroy McClumsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red Hair - Green Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friendly - Clumsy - Adventurous - Mischievous 	Making shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green hat - Green coat - Brown shoes 	Needed a way to pay for food.
Tinker Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blonde Hair - Brown Eyes - Extra Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot-Tempered - Mischievous - Charming - Selfless 	Flight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pink dress - Gold earrings - Lipstick 	Wanted to play a prank on Leroy.
Rumpelstiltskin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blonde Hair - Brown Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheerful - Sly - Mischievous - Selfish 	Spins straw into gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown shirt - Brown pants - Brown shoes 	Seeks more wealth.
Ilsebill the Fisherman's Wife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red Hair - Blue Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bossy - Greedy - Hot-Tempered - Selfish 	Baking Cakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue dress - Lipstick - Gold earrings 	Seeks more wealth.
Thunderbore the Giant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bald - Black beard - Large Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot-Tempered - Loud - Mean - Lazy 	Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold ring - Brown belt - Red Shirt 	Seeks more wealth.
Jack 'Beanstalk' Spriggins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown Hair - Green Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foolish - Adventurous - Lazy - Greedy 	Climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green shirt - Brown pants - Brown shoes 	Needed a way to pay for food.
King Midas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown hair - Brown Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selfish - Greedy - Foolish - Bossy 	Everything he touches turns to gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold crown - Purple shirt - Blue robe 	Seeks more wealth.
Princess Calliope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black Hair - Brown Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playful - Selfish - Polite - Dishonest 	Dancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold crown - Pink dress - Gold earrings 	Wanted to play a prank on Leroy.
Oliver Twist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown hair - Brown Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polite - Nervous - Clumsy - Shy 	Pick-pocketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green jacket - Yellow shirt - Black pants 	Needed a way to pay for food.
Alice 'Wonderland' Liddel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blonde Hair - Blue Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clumsy - Curious - Polite - Shy 	Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue dress - White apron - Black shoes 	Wanted to play a prank on Leroy.

Solve the clues and then cross the suspects off the list until only one place remains! Find out if Leroy is telling the truth or not. The last suspect remaining is responsible for the fool's gold!

2. VISIT LOCATION: Down the Fairy Path

Not long after leaving Tinker Bell's hut, you hear Princess Calliope sobbing by the pond. You sit next to her and offer a listening ear to hear what the matter could be.

Princess Calliope



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3. VISIT LOCATION: To Market To Market

Paul Piggles



"This silly leprechaun thinks that I'm some fool! He ate the cupcake from my stall and then tried to pay with these fake golden cherries! Look, Detective, I cut one open; it's just a regular cherry covered in gold paint. I will not accept such payment. I work hard to make a living, so I refuse to have someone in Tale Town trying to cheat their way around. Everyone in Tale Town will know to watch out for Leroy McClumsy and his fool's gold by the end of today."

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Little Red



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You stop Paul from dialing the Sheriff and assure him that if you find Leroy guilty, you will place the handcuffs on him yourself. Then, out of the goodness of your heart and a promise to keep, you pay Paul for Leroy's cupcake and buy some bread for Fred the Frog Prince.

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A small, mischievous sprite in Irish folklore

7 e p r 8 c h 9 u 10

Not real; imitation or counterfeit.

f 11 12 e

A person who has been tricked into appearing silly.

13 14 15 l

Something the cherries are covered with.

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A small cake, baked in a cup-shaped form with icing.

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A short, light sleep, during the day.

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4. VISIT LOCATION: Princess Calliope's Castle

Like a true hero, you keep your promise to the Frog Prince and take him to Princess Calliope's castle. Leroy tags along, sulking about his series of unfortunate events this morning.

Fred the Frog Prince



"Thank you for the food detective and for taking me to the princess's castle. You were true to your word, a noble act indeed. I'll remember this.

Oh, look! King Midas is strolling in the front garden of the castle. Be careful not to shake his hand, Detective, or you will turn into gold!"

"Stand back! Watch this; I can turn all these flowers into gold with the touch of my hands. Oh, I love gold. I could always do with more. But, hey, what's with the frog on your shoulder?"

King Midas



Leroy McClumsy



"Princess Calliope made a promise that the frog could stay here for food and shelter while waiting for the coming storm to pass. So, your Highness, do you think you could please turn these fake gold cherries into real gold for me?"

"NO! Gold-turning is MY special ability, I'm the one who has to live with it, so I'm the only one who should benefit from it. So leave the frog and be gone!"

CLUE 4 - Fill in the missing letters to complete the answers in the comprehension questions below. Then match the letters with the numbers into the empty boxes to reveal a clue!
Use the reading text above to answer the questions below:

- 1. Where is King Midas? In the fr₁ ₂ t₃ a₄ den of the a₅ ₆ ₇ e₈.
- 2. What does Fred caution you about? Not to h₉ ₁₀ ke₁₁ a₁₂ ₁₃ s with K₁₄ ₁₅ ₁₆ M₁₇ ₁₈ da₁₉.
- 3. How did King Midas turn the flowers into gold? By ₁₉ ₂₀ ₂₁ chi₂₂ g the fl₂₃ ₂₄ ers with his a₂₅ ₂₆ ds.
- 4. Why is the frog at the castle? Because Pr₂₇ ₂₈ ₂₉ c₃₀ ss Calliope made a pr₃₁ ₃₂ mis₃₃ that the frog could s₃₄ ₃₅ ay at the cas₃₆ ₃₇ le for f₃₈ ₃₉ d and shel₄₀ ₄₁ er while wa₄₂ ₄₃ ting for the coming stor₄₄ ₄₅ to pass.

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5. VISIT LOCATION: Granny's Garden

Little Red



"Granny, we found your cherries at the market. This leprechaun had them all painted in gold."

Granny Smith



"Oh my! I thought all of those pesky bluebirds ate them. Why would this naughty leprechaun steal my cherries and then paint them in gold? It seems like an odd thing to do. It wouldn't be that easy to fool anyone with painted cherries. I wanted to make a cherry pie today; I guess I will have to make a key lime pie instead. None for the little thief, though. Maybe he can pull out all the weeds from my garden for his crime."

Leroy McClumsy



"Why doesn't anyone believe me? I DIDN'T DO IT! I had a real pot of gold. I found it at the end of a rainbow. The true thief stole my gold and tricked me by placing your cherries inside my pot."

Little Red



"I'll show you the tree, Detective. It is just to the left of the front gate of the garden."

You go to inspect the cherry tree and find the following:

- ☐ Only twenty cherries remain at the top of the tree.
- ☐ A wrinkled receipt for two gold spray paint cans from Arthur's Art Shop.
- ☐ A ladder is stashed away behind the mulberry bush.

CLUE 5 - Fill in the missing letters to complete the answers in the comprehension questions below. Then match the letters with the numbers into the empty boxes to reveal a clue!
Use the reading text above to answer the questions below:

- What does Granny plan to make instead of cherry pie? Key im p_{1 2 3}e
- Why does Granny think painting cherries gold is an odd thing to do? **Because it wouldn't be that** asy ol an one with pa ted he rie_{4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12}.
- Where is the cherry tree located? **To the l** f of the f n ate of the g rden_{13 14 15 16 17 18 19}.
- How many cherries do you see left on the tree? e ty cherries_{20 21 22}
- What items are listed on the receipt you find? **Two** ol spr y paint ans_{23 24 25 26}.
- What shop is the receipt from? **Ar** ur's Art S op_{27 28 29}
- Where do you find a ladder? **Beh** nd the ul erry bus_{30 31 32 33}.

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SOLVE THE MYSTERY!

ONCE UPON A CRIME: FOOL'S GOLD

Is Leroy McClumsy a fraud? If not, then who stole Leroy's gold and replaced it with the fool's gold?

In the space below, write a list of the clues that you discovered during your investigation. Include a brief outline explaining how each clue helped you decide which suspects to eliminate from your list.

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Well done!

Upon your brilliant discovery, you make a phone call to Sheriff Star. Together, you place the handcuffs on the culprit and drive to Tale Town's Court Hall of Justice.

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Oops! Try again!

No, that is not the person responsible for the Fool's Gold. Go back, check your work, and try again.

ANSWER SHEET – CLUE 1

Tinker Bell



"Detective, Leroy isn't here. I heard that Paul Piggles got angry with him at the markets. Paul thinks Leroy is a fraud because he was trying to pay for food with fake gold! It's a little bit funny, isn't it?"

You ask to investigate Leroy's room. Tinker Bell takes you through her hut to the guest room.

"Leroy has been staying with me for three days during his visit to Tale Town. He planned to go to Mathattan this afternoon, but I don't think he'll leave if Paul Piggles doesn't let him go. Plus, without his pot of gold, he won't be able to buy anything. I don't have much myself, but I can see what I can scrape up to help him out of the situation at the market."

Tinker Bell



You find the following items around Leroy's bed:

- ☐ A round blue bottle lid.
- ☐ One gold coin
- ☐ A broken leaf



Tinker Bell



"If it helps, Detective, I saw Princess Calliope playing near the Mystic Pond with something gold this morning. So I recommend you run to the Mystic Pond and see if you can catch her!"

CLUE 1

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Use the reading text above to answer the questions below:

Cross off all large sized suspects

- Who does the hut belong to? T₁i₂nkerBell
- How many days has Leroy been staying in the hut? T₃h₄r₅ee days₆
- When was Leroy meant to leave for Mathattan? T₇his a₈f₉t₁₀e₁₁r₁₂n₁₃o₁₄o₁₅n
- What do you find around Leroy's bed? A₁₅r₁₆ound b₁₇l₁₈ue b₁₉o₂₀ttle l₂₁i₂₂d, one g₂₃old
c₂₄o₂₅in a b₂₆r₂₇oken l₂₈eaf₂₉.
- Where did Tinker Bell recommend you go to find Princess Calliope? M₃₀y₃₁s₃₂t₃₃ic Pond₃₄

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Cross off all characters with 'clumsy as a trait.'

ANSWER SHEET – CLUE 3

Paul Piggles



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fool

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gold paint

_____n with icing.

cupcake

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ANSWER SHEET – CLUE 4

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Fred the Frog Prince



"Thank you for the food detective and for taking me to the princess's castle. You were true to your word, a noble act indeed. I'll remember this.

Oh, look! King Midas is strolling in the front garden of the castle. Be careful not to shake his hand, Detective, or you will turn into gold!"

"Stand back! Watch this; I can turn all these flowers into gold with the touch of my hands. Oh, I love gold. I could always do with more. But, hey, what's with the frog on your shoulder?"

King Midas



Leroy McClumsy



"Princess Calliope made a promise that the frog could stay here for food and shelter while waiting for the coming storm to pass. So, your Highness, do you think you could please turn these fake gold cherries into real gold for me?"

"NO! Gold-turning is MY special ability, I'm the one who has to live with it, so I'm the only one who should benefit from it. So leave the frog and be gone!"

CLUE 4 - Fill in the missing letters to complete the answers in the comprehension questions below. Then match the letters with the numbers into the empty boxes to reveal a clue!

Use the reading text above to answer the questions below:

Cross off
Rumpelstiltskin
And Kind Midas.

- Where is King Midas? In the f₁ r₂ o₃ n₄ t₅ g₆ a₇ r₈ d₉ e₁₀ n₁₁ o₁₂ f₁₃ t₁₄ h₁₅ e₁₆.
- What does Fred caution you about? Not to s₁₇ h₁₈ a₁₉ k₂₀ e₂₁ h₂₂ a₂₃ n₂₄ d₂₅ s₂₆ with K₂₇ i₂₈ n₂₉ g₃₀ M₃₁ i₃₂ d₃₃ a₃₄ s₃₅.
- How did King Midas turn the flowers into gold? By t₃₆ o₃₇ u₃₈ c₃₉ h₄₀ i₄₁ n₄₂ g₄₃ the f₄₄ l₄₅ o₄₆ w₄₇ e₄₈ r₄₉ s₅₀ with his h₅₁ a₅₂ n₅₃ d₅₄ s₅₅.
- Why is the frog at the castle? Because P₅₆ r₅₇ i₅₈ n₅₉ c₆₀ e₆₁ s₆₂ s₆₃ C₆₄ a₆₅ l₆₆ l₆₇ i₆₈ o₆₉ p₇₀ e₇₁ m₇₂ a₇₃ p₇₄ r₇₅ o₇₆ m₇₇ i₇₈ s₇₉ e₈₀ t₈₁ h₈₂ a₈₃ t₈₄ t₈₅ h₈₆ e₈₇ c₈₈ a₈₉ s₉₀ t₉₁ l₉₂ e₉₃ f₉₄ o₉₅ r₉₆ d₉₇ a₉₈ n₉₉ d₁₀₀ s₁₀₁ h₁₀₂ e₁₀₃ l₁₀₄ t₁₀₅ e₁₀₆ r₁₀₇ w₁₀₈ a₁₀₉ i₁₁₀ t₁₁₁ i₁₁₂ n₁₁₃ g₁₁₄ f₁₁₅ o₁₁₆ r₁₁₇ t₁₁₈ h₁₁₉ e₁₂₀ c₁₂₁ o₁₂₂ m₁₂₃ i₁₂₄ n₁₂₅ g₁₂₆ s₁₂₇ t₁₂₈ o₁₂₉ p₁₃₀ a₁₃₁ s₁₃₂.

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ANSWER SHEET – CLUE 5

Little Red



"Granny, we found your cherries at the market. This leprechaun had them all painted in gold."

Granny Smith



"Oh my! I thought all of those pesky bluebirds ate them. Why would this naughty leprechaun steal my cherries and then paint them in gold? It seems like an odd thing to do. It wouldn't be that easy to fool anyone with painted cherries. I wanted to make a cherry pie today; I guess I will have to make a key lime pie instead. None for the little thief, though. Maybe he can pull out all the weeds from my garden for his crime."

Leroy McClumsy



"Why doesn't anyone believe me? I DIDN'T DO IT! I had a real pot of gold. I found it at the end of a rainbow. The true thief stole my gold and tricked me by placing your cherries inside my pot."

Little Red



"I'll show you the tree, Detective. It is just to the left of the front gate of the garden."

You go to inspect the cherry tree and find the following:

- ☐ Only twenty cherries remain at the top of the tree.
- ☐ A wrinkled receipt for two gold spray paint cans from Arthur's Art Shop.
- ☐ A ladder is stashed away behind the mulberry bush.

CLUE 5 - Fill in the missing letters to complete the answers in the comprehension questions below. Then match the letters with the numbers into the empty boxes to reveal a clue!

Use the reading text above to answer the questions below:

- What does Granny plan to make instead of cherry pie? **Key** l₁ i₂ m₂ e₃ p₃ i₃ e₃
- Why does Granny think painting cherries gold is an odd thing to do? **Because it wouldn't be that** e₄ a₄ s₄ y₄ t₄ o₄ f₅ o₅ o₅ l₅ a₆ n₆ y₇ o₇ n₇ e₇ w₇ i₇ t₇ h₇ a₇ p₈ a₈ i₈ n₈ t₈ e₉ d₉ c₁₀ h₁₀ e₁₀ r₁₁ r₁₁ i₁₁ e₁₂ s₁₂.
- Where is the cherry tree located? **To the** l₁₃ e₁₃ f₁₄ t₁₄ o₁₄ f₁₅ t₁₅ h₁₅ e₁₆ r₁₆ o₁₇ n₁₇ t₁₇ g₁₈ a₁₈ t₁₈ e₁₉ o₁₉ f₁₉ t₁₉ h₁₉ e₁₉ g₁₉ a₁₉ r₁₉ d₁₉ e₁₉ n₁₉.
- How many cherries do you see left on the tree? t₂₀ w₂₀ e₂₁ n₂₁ t₂₂ y₂₂ c₂₂ h₂₂ e₂₂ r₂₂ r₂₂ i₂₂ e₂₂ s₂₂.
- What items are listed on the receipt you find? **Two** g₂₃ o₂₃ l₂₃ d₂₄ s₂₄ p₂₅ r₂₅ a₂₅ y₂₅ p₂₅ a₂₅ i₂₅ n₂₅ t₂₅ c₂₆ a₂₆ n₂₆ s₂₆.
- What shop is the receipt from? **Art** t₂₇ h₂₇ u₂₈ r₂₈ '₂₈ s₂₈ **Art** S₂₉ h₂₉ o₂₉ p₂₉.
- Where do you find a ladder? **Beh** i₃₀ n₃₀ d₃₀ t₃₀ h₃₀ e₃₀ m₃₁ u₃₁ l₃₁ b₃₂ e₃₂ r₃₂ r₃₂ y₃₂ b₃₃ u₃₃ s₃₃ h₃₃.

Cross off Jack 'Beanstalk' Spriggins.

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ELIMINATION GUIDE

Suspect	Appearance	Character Traits	Special skill	Wears	Motive
Leroy McClumsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red Hair - Green Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friendly - Clumsy - Adventurous - Mischievous 	Making shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green hat - Green coat - Brown shoes 	Needed a way to pay for food.
Tinker Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blonde Hair - Brown Eyes - Extra Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot-Tempered - Mischievous - Charming - Selfless 	Flight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pink dress - Gold earrings - Lipstick 	Wanted to play a prank on Leroy.
Rumpelstiltskin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blonde Hair - Brown Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheerful - Sly - Mischievous - Selfish 	Spins straw into gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown shirt - Brown pants - Brown shoes 	Seeks more wealth.
Ilsebill the Fisherman's Wife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red Hair - Blue Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bossy - Greedy - Hot-Tempered - Selfish 	Baking Cakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue dress - Lipstick - Gold earrings 	Seeks more wealth.
Thunderbore the Giant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bald - Black beard - Large Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot-Tempered - Loud - Mean - Lazy 	Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold ring - Brown belt - Red Shirt 	Seeks more wealth.
Jack 'Beanstalk' Spriggins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown Hair - Green Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foolish - Adventurous - Lazy - Greedy 	Climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green shirt - Brown pants - Brown shoes 	Needed a way to pay for food.
King Midas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown hair - Brown Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selfish - Greedy - Foolish - Bossy 	Everything he touches turns to gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold crown - Purple shirt - Blue robe 	Seeks more wealth.
Princess Calliope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black Hair - Brown Eyes - Medium Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playful - Selfish - Polite - Dishonest 	Dancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold crown - Pink dress - Gold earrings 	Wanted to play a prank on Leroy.
Oliver Twist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown hair - Brown Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polite - Nervous - Clumsy - Shy 	Pick-pocketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green jacket - Yellow shirt - Black pants 	Needed a way to pay for food.
Alice 'Wonderland' Liddel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blonde Hair - Blue Eyes - Small Sized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clumsy - Curious - Polite - Shy 	Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue dress - White apron - Black shoes 	Wanted to play a prank on Leroy.

A NSWER: Ilsebill, the Fisherman's Wife

Leaping Leprechaun!

Date: _____

Thanks to the amazing detective work of _____, Leroy's gold has been recovered and his reputation fixed.



Leroy, the leprechaun, has been leaping for joy all over Tale Town thanks to the brilliant work of Detective _____. But, unfortunately, many folks, including Paul Piggles, Little Red, and Granny Smith, didn't believe that Leroy was innocent; they all thought that the leprechaun was trying to cheat his way around with gold-painted cherries.

Detective _____ investigated the fool's gold to find out if Leroy was trying to trick everyone or if it was someone else. After careful investigation, Detective _____ discovered that Ilsebill, the Fisherman's wife, stole Leroy's gold. Out of pure greed to have more riches, Ilsebill immediately began plotting to take Leroy's gold when she heard that the leprechaun was visiting Tale Town. In a foolish attempt to escape the theft, she bought some gold paint spray cans and stole cherries from Granny Smith's tree to make the switch. Ilsebill hoped that Leroy wouldn't notice until he left town.

Leroy McClumsy gave the following statement, "I'm so happy and so grateful that Detective _____ gave me a chance and worked so hard to find out what happened. With my pot of gold returned, I'd like to give a little something back to Tale Town." Leroy presented a lucky charm in the shape of a shamrock. "I hope this charm brings great luck and good fortune to this place. The Detective's office will probably be the best place to protect it."

Paul Piggles came forward to make a public apology, "I'd like to say that I am truly sorry for not believing Leroy. I hope he can forgive me for telling others he was a fraud."

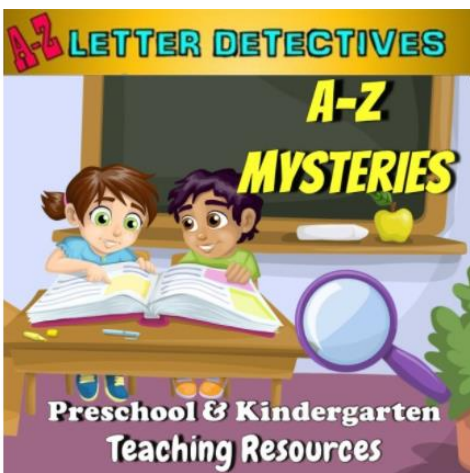
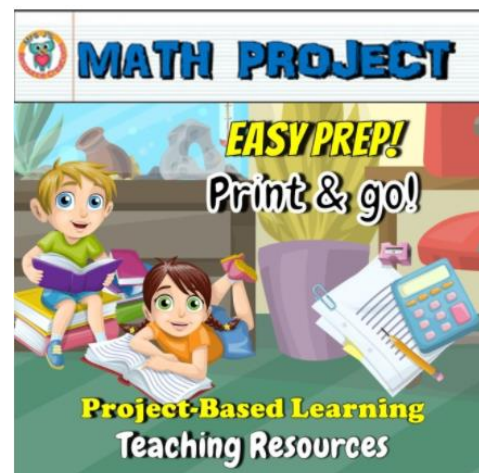
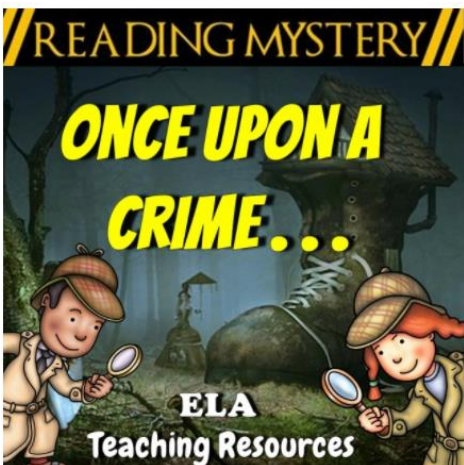
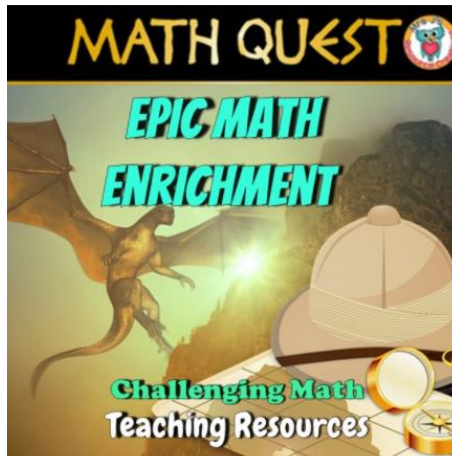
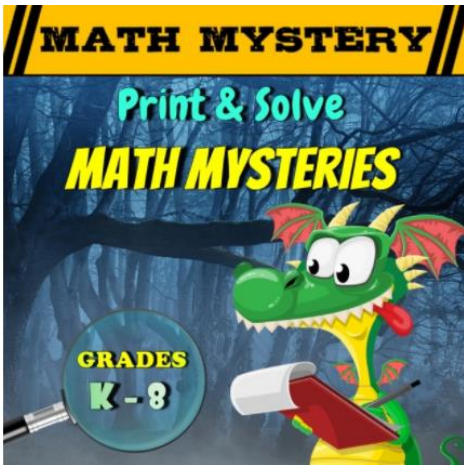
Dudeldee, Ilsebill's husband, embarrassed by this situation, explained, "Ilsebill has never been happy with what she has. The more she received, the more she wanted. Sadly, her actions of greed are not an excuse to plead."

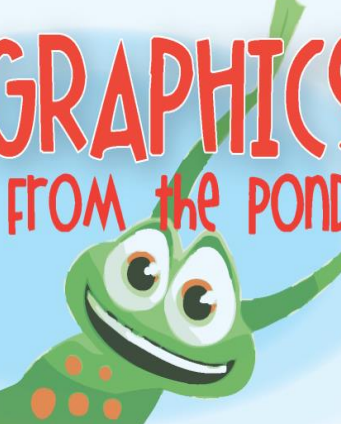
Even with the stolen gold, Ilsebill wasn't happy, and now she will be more miserable, locked up inside a prison. Sheriff Star knew the greedy Fisherman's wife would never be content. So while she is doing time, he hopes to teach her the valuable lesson of helping others instead of committing crimes.





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