

# B – Edition

## READING MYSTERY

### *ONCE UPON A CRIME* **FOOL'S GOLD**



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This version is structured differently to the original copy found in this folder. I've aimed to create an alternate option in the hope that this may better suit the needs of some classes.

If you choose this option, the self-checking feature is not included. Your students will need to check-in with you or somebody to gain access to each clue with this design. If you would like the self-checking option, please use the original copy found in your downloaded folder.

**Please note: The worksheets must be completed in the order I have put them in.**

## **PREPARATION - B: EDITION**

- Print, laminate, and cut the clue cards found on page 4.

I recommend either putting each clue in individual envelopes labeled, 'Clue 1, clue 2, etc'

OR putting each clue in a locked box (label boxes and keys with the clue number too).

**Decide where you would like students to visit in your classroom to access each clue for set up.**

- **Print and photocopy, pages 5 – 12 for your students.** Pages 5 and 12 are optional to print if you want to save paper. Staple together into booklets or put into a case file folder.
- Page 6 is a 'Possible Suspects' list, which students will need to keep handy for eliminating characters as they discover clues throughout this reading mystery.

**<PLEASE CLICK HERE to ACCESS the WORKSHEETS ON DIGITALLY ON GOOGLE SLIDES>**

➤ You will need to make a digital copy for each student

➤ Your students will need to be in 'edit' mode not 'present' mode to enter answers into the boxes.

## **HOW TO USE**

You may wish to use the [optional video hook](#) to begin the activity first. Then continue to read page 5 to introduce the activity and state the case for your detectives.

Students will need to refer back to the suspect list (pg. 6) 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. To make the word puzzles easier for your students, I have included an optional **WORD BANK** page in your folder download. **After students complete the clue page activity, they must check-in with you to show their work. If you are satisfied with their work, grant them access to the clue for that clue number page.**

**Page 12 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. If you want to skip the clue preparation, you could also give to your class at the end of the lesson if satisfied with their work.**

## **ANSWERS**

Answers and an elimination guide are provided on pages 13 – 18.

## **AWARDS**

On page 19 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.<sup>3</sup>

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Thanks! ☺

# THE CLUES

Print, laminate, and cut.

Either:

- Keep the clues at your desk
- Place the clue cards in individual envelopes,
- Or lock in individual boxes.

As students show you a completed clue page, give them access to the clue.

**CLUE 1***Fool's Gold*

Someone large  
couldn't fit inside  
the hut.

**CLUE 2***Fool's Gold*

The guilty  
character is not  
clumsy.

**CLUE 3***Fool's Gold*

The fake gold is not a  
prank on Leroy.

**CLUE 4***Fool's Gold*

It is not someone  
who can turn things  
into gold.

**CLUE 5***Fool's Gold*

The cherry thief  
was not good at  
climbing.



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

# 1. VISIT LOCATION: Tinker Bell's Hut

## 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 - Complete the comprehension questions below. After completing, check with your teacher to receive the clue!**

*Use the reading above to answer the questions below. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.*

1. Who does the hut belong to? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many days has Leroy been staying in the hut? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When was Leroy meant to leave for Mathattan? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you find around Leroy's bed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did Tinker Bell recommend you go to find Princess Calliope? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**After completing your work, check with your teacher to discover CLUE 1.**

## CLUE 1



# 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**



"I dropped my golden ball into the pond. I tried to reach into the water but couldn't get in without ruining my beautiful dress. I liked that ball too. It used to be a regular ball until the great King Midas touched it during his visit to our castle yesterday afternoon. Everything King Midas touches turns to gold; it's amazing!"

**Fred the Frog Prince**



"Hey, Princess! I will fetch your golden ball if you let me come and stay at your castle. There will be a terrible storm in Tale Town tonight; I'd appreciate food and shelter."

Princess Calliope nods in agreement. Then, as the frog returns with her golden ball, the princess begins to run.

**Fred the Frog Prince**



"Well, that was rude and dishonest! The princess should keep her promise. Detective, I'll help you with a clue if you can help me to buy some food at the market and find some shelter before the storm comes tonight?"

You smile at the frog, pick him up and place him on your shoulder. As a true hero, you intend to keep your promise to Fred.

**CLUE 2:** Assign a color for nouns, verbs, and adjectives and highlight as many as you can find in the reading above. After highlighting the words, sort them into the nouns, verbs and adjectives category columns below. Reading is a MUST to check the context of how each word is used.  
>> After completing, check with your teacher to receive the clue!

NOUNS	VERBS	ADJECTIVES

After completing your work, check with your teacher to discover CLUE 2.

**CLUE 2**





# 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."

Leroy McClumsy



"I'm telling you that I had real gold in my pot! I didn't notice the change until I tried to pay you. You must believe me! I'm not a cheat."

Little Red



"Hey, where did you get those cherries? Two days ago, someone robbed the fruit from Granny's cherry tree when she was having an afternoon snooze."

Paul Piggles



"So this leprechaun is a fraud and a thief! That's it! I'm calling Sheriff Star right now to take you to jail."

**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.**

*CLUE 3 - Below is a set of clue riddles or definitions to words written in the reading section above. The blank lines represent missing letters in the word. As you fill in a letter on each blank line, match that letter with the number underneath into the empty boxes to reveal a clue!*

A small, round stone fruit that is typically bright or dark red. \_\_\_\_\_

A usually tall plant, with a trunk, branches and sometimes leaves. \_\_\_\_\_

A small, mischievous sprite in Irish folklore \_\_\_\_\_

Not real; imitation or counterfeit. \_\_\_\_\_

A person who has been tricked into appearing silly. \_\_\_\_\_

Something the cherries are covered with. \_\_\_\_\_

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

A short, light sleep, during the day. \_\_\_\_\_

**After completing your work, check with your teacher to discover CLUE 3.**

**CLUE 3**



# 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!"

## King Midas



"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?"

## 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 - Complete the comprehension questions below. After completing, check with your teacher to receive the clue!** *Use the reading above to answer the questions below. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.*

- 1. Where is King Midas? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What does Fred caution you about? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. How did King Midas turn the flowers into gold? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Why is the frog at the castle? \_\_\_\_\_

After completing your work, check with your teacher to discover CLUE 4.

## CLUE 4



# 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."

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

Little Red



**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 - Complete the comprehension questions below. After completing, check with your teacher to receive the clue!** *Use the reading above to answer the questions below. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.*

1. What does Granny plan to make instead of cherry pie? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why does Granny think painting cherries gold is an odd thing to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where is the cherry tree located? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many cherries do you see left on the tree? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What items are listed on the receipt you find? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What shop is the receipt from? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where do you find a ladder? \_\_\_\_\_

After completing your work, check with your teacher to discover CLUE 5.

CLUE 5



# 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.

**1. ANSWER KEY**

**Tinker Bell**



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- 4. What do you find around Leroy's bed? A round blue bottle lid, one gold coin  
and a broken leaf.
- 5. Where did Tinker Bell recommend you go to find Princess Calliope? Mystic Pond.

**Cross off all large sized suspects**

**CLUE 1**



**Someone large couldn't fit inside the hut.**



2. ANSWER KEY

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NOUNS	VERBS	ADJECTIVES
ball pond frog castle Princess shelter market	sobbing dropped touched fetch appreciate stay run help buy	golden beautiful amazing rude terrible dishonest

Cross off all characters with 'clumsy as a trait.

CLUE 2



The guilty character is not clumsy.

**3. ANSWER KEY**

**Paul Piggles**



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"Hey, where did you get those cherries? Two days ago, someone robbed the fruit from Granny's cherry tree when she was having an afternoon snooze."

**Paul Piggles**



"So this leprechaun is a fraud and a thief! That's it! I'm calling Sheriff Star right now to take you to jail."

**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.**

**CLUE 3** - Below is a set of clue riddles or definitions to words written in the reading section above. The blank lines represent missing letters in the word. As you fill in a letter on each blank line, match that letter with the number underneath into the empty boxes to reveal a clue!

A small, round stone fruit that is typically bright or dark red.	<u>  C  </u> <u>  H  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  R  </u> <u>  R  </u> <u>  Y  </u>
A usually tall plant, with a trunk, branches and sometimes leaves.	<u>  T  </u> <u>  R  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  E  </u>
A small, mischievous sprite in Irish folklore	<u>  L  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  P  </u> <u>  R  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  H  </u> <u>  A  </u> <u>  U  </u> <u>  N  </u>
Not real; imitation or counterfeit.	<u>  F  </u> <u>  A  </u> <u>  K  </u> <u>  E  </u>
A person who has been tricked into appearing silly.	<u>  F  </u> <u>  O  </u> <u>  O  </u> <u>  L  </u>
Something the cherries are covered with.	<u>  G  </u> <u>  O  </u> <u>  L  </u> <u>  D  </u> <u>  P  </u> <u>  A  </u> <u>  I  </u> <u>  N  </u> <u>  T  </u>
A small cake, baked in a cup-shaped form with icing.	<u>  C  </u> <u>  U  </u> <u>  P  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  A  </u> <u>  K  </u> <u>  E  </u>
A short, light sleep, during the day.	<u>  S  </u> <u>  N  </u> <u>  O  </u> <u>  O  </u> <u>  Z  </u> <u>  E  </u>

**Cross off all characters with the motive to play a prank on Leroy.**

**CLUE 3**



**The fake gold is not a prank on Leroy.**

**4. ANSWER KEY**

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 - Complete the comprehension questions below. After completing, check with your teacher to receive the clue!** *Use the reading above to answer the questions below. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.*

- 1. Where is King Midas? In the front garden of the castle.
- 2. What does Fred caution you about? Not to shake hands with King Midas.
- 3. How did King Midas turn the flowers into gold? By touching the flowers with his hands.
- 4. Why is the frog at the castle? Because Princess Calliope made a promise that the frog could stay at the castle for food and shelter while waiting for the coming storm to pass.

Cross off Rumpelstiltskin and Kind Midas.

**CLUE 4**



**It is not someone who can turn things into gold.**

## 5. ANSWER KEY

### Little Red



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

"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."

### Granny Smith



### 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."

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

### Little Red



**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 - Complete the comprehension questions below. After completing, check with your teacher to receive the clue!**

*Use the reading above to answer the questions below. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.*

1. What does Granny plan to make instead of cherry pie? Key lime pie
2. Why does Granny think painting cherries gold is an odd thing to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
Because it wouldn't be that easy to fool anyone with painted cherries.
3. Where is the cherry tree located? To the left of the front gate of the garden.
4. How many cherries do you see left on the tree? Twenty cherries
5. What items are listed on the receipt you find? Two gold spray paint cans.
6. What shop is the receipt from? Arthur's Art Shop
7. Where do you find a ladder? Behind the mulberry bush.

Cross off Jack 'Beanstalk' Spriggins.

### CLUE 5



**The cherry thief wasn't good at climbing.**

# ELIMINATION GUIDE

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

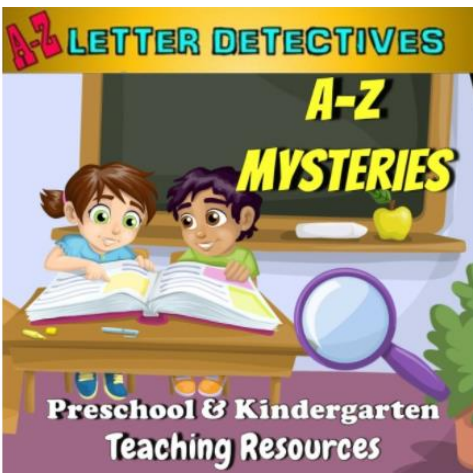
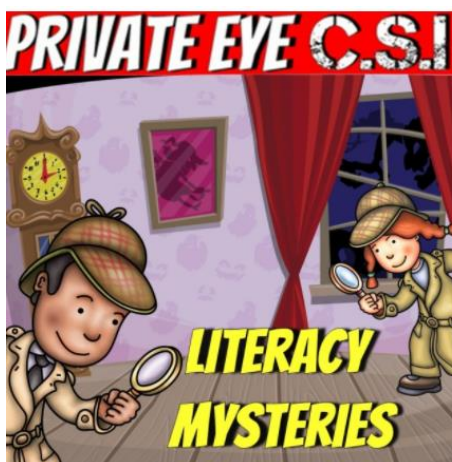
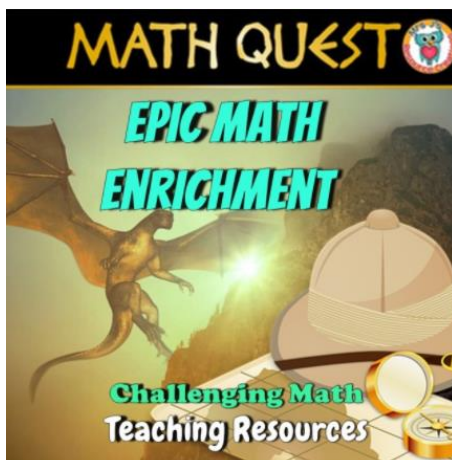
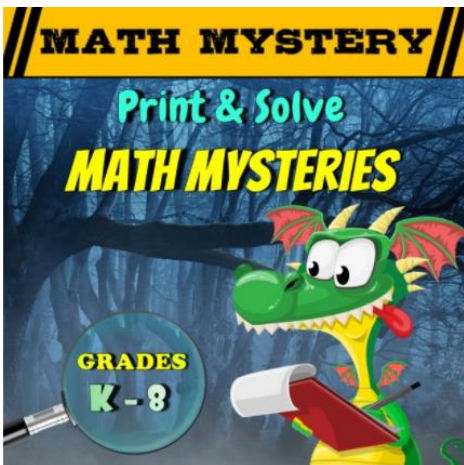
Dudeldee, Ilsebill's husband, embarrassed by this situation, explained, "Ilsebill has never been happy with what she has. The more she received, the more she wanted. Sadly, her actions of greed are not an excuse to plead."

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.



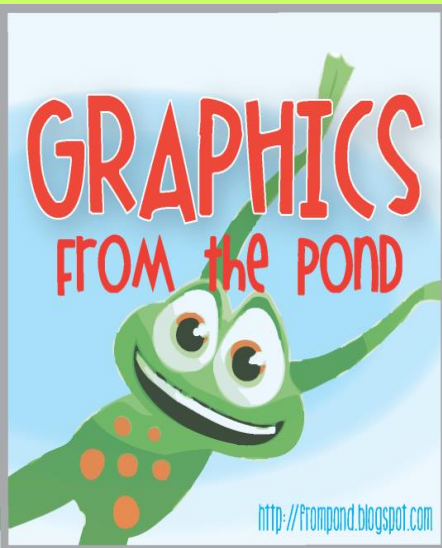


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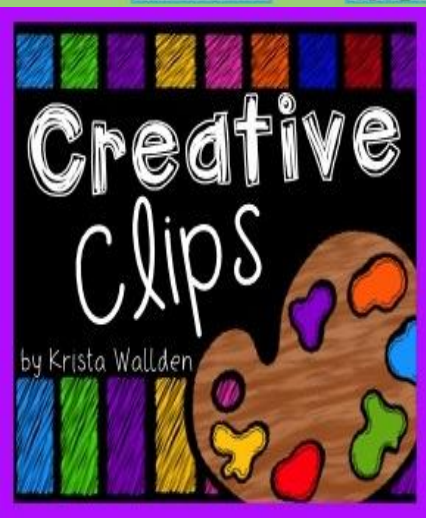
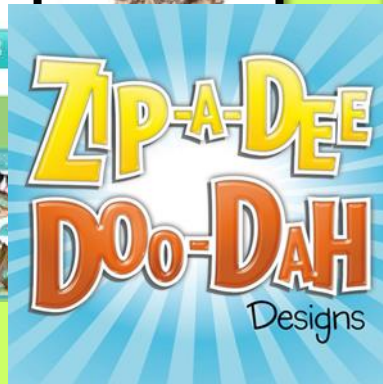
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