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The Case of the Missing Fish

by Anita Amin

Emma and Alex went fishing with Grandpa at the beach. It was sunny and the waves gently rolled in.

After a while, Grandpa frowned. "No bites," he said. "Where are the fish today?"

"A mystery!" Emma cried. "Don't worry. Detective Emma is here."

"And Detective Alex!" Alex added.

"We need clues." Emma studied the area. "There are a lot of shells here."

Some seagulls landed nearby.

"And a lot of birds," Alex added.



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"You think they lost something?" Alex asked.

"Or found something. Look!" Emma cried as a seagull flew over them.

In its beak, the seagull was carrying a small fish.

"Those birds are catching more fish than we are!" Grandpa laughed.

"Another case cracked by Detective Emma," Emma said.

"And Detective Alex," Alex added.

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1. Where does this story take place?
- a. by a lake
 - b. by a river
 - c. by a pond
 - d. by the seashore

2. What kind of birds did Emma and Alex see at the beach? _____

3. Emma and Alex were pretending to be detectives.

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4. After they pecked the sand and flew over the ocean, what did the birds do?

5. Read the sentence below.

"Another case cracked by detective Emma," Emma said.

What does the underlined word mean?

- a. broke
- b. solved
- c. found
- d. dropped

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Draw straight lines to match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

1. bites • going under water

2. pecked • poked with a beak

3. diving • pulls on a fishing pole

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5. mystery • hints

6. clues • puzzle; something to figure out

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In the story, "Case of the Missing Fish," Emma and Alex try to solve a mystery. They want to figure out why grandpa isn't catching any fish.



Write about a mystery that you've solved. Tell what clues you used to solve the mystery.



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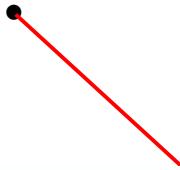
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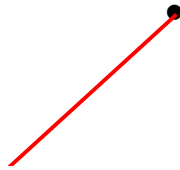


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1. bites



going under water



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