

SORO ENGLISH

Reading Comprehension for Beginners

The Story Detective Practice Pack 🔍

Read • Think • Find the Clue • Tell the Story

Name: _____

Date: _____

Don't just read the words.

Discover the story.

Read the words.

Find the clues.

Build the meaning.

PAGE 1 — Become a Story Detective! 🔍

Every story has clues.

Your job is to find them!

🔍 FIND IT

What does the story tell you?

💭 THINK ABOUT IT

What can you figure out?

🔍 PROVE IT

Which words helped you know?

🗣️ TELL IT

Can you explain what happened?

❤️ MAKE IT YOURS

What do you think?

Your Detective Mission

After every story, ask yourself:

WHO?

WHERE?

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHY?

Ready?

🔍 Let's investigate!

PAGE 2 — Max and the Red Hat

 Read

The Red Hat

Max has a red hat.

He wears it to the park.

Max runs and plays.

Then he goes home.

“Where is my hat?” Max asks.

He runs back to the park.

His hat is under a bench.

“There it is!”

Max puts on his hat and smiles.

Find It!

1. What color is Max's hat?

- ☐ blue
- ☐ red
- ☐ green

2. Where does Max go?

3. Where does he find his hat?

Prove It!

Underline the sentence that tells you where Max finds his hat.

Detective Tip

Good readers go back to the story to check.

PAGE 3 — Mia's Rainy Morning

Rainy Morning

Mia wakes up.

She looks outside.

The sky is gray.

Mia puts on her yellow boots.

She takes her umbrella.

Dad gives her a coat.

Mia opens the door.

Rain falls from the sky.

“I’m ready!” says Mia.

Find the Facts

1. What color is the sky?
2. What color are Mia's boots?
3. What does Mia take with her?

Show Me Your Proof

Circle the words that tell you the weather is rainy.

PAGE 4 — Who? Where? What?

Read:

The Little Dog



Ben takes his little dog to the park.

The dog sees a red ball.

It runs across the grass.

Ben runs after the dog.

The dog stops by a tree.

It drops the ball.

“Good dog!” says Ben.



Story Detective

1. WHO is in the story?



2. WHERE are they?

3. WHAT does the dog find?

4. WHAT happens at the end?



PAGE 5 — What Can You Figure Out?

Read:

Lily puts on her boots.

She takes an umbrella.

Dark clouds fill the sky.



What is probably going to happen?

- ☐ It will snow.
- ☐ It will rain.
- ☐ It will be sunny.



What clues helped you?

Circle:

boots

umbrella

dark clouds

Finish the Sentence

I think it will rain because _____.

PAGE 6 — How Does He Feel?

The Empty Lunch Box

Tom opens his lunch box.

He looks inside.

It is empty.

Tom's smile disappears.

He puts the box down.

Then Anna gives him half of her sandwich.

Tom smiles again.

"Thank you!" he says.



Think

How does Tom probably feel when he sees the empty box?

☐ excited

☐ sad

☐ proud

How does he feel at the end?

☐ happy

☐ angry

☐ scared



Find the Clue

Which words helped you know?

PAGE 7 – What's Happening?

Read the clues.

Mystery 1

Emma has flour on her hands.

There is a bowl on the table.

The kitchen smells sweet.

Something is baking in the oven.

1. What is Emma probably doing?

2. Why do you think so?

Mystery 2

Jack wears a swimsuit.

He has a towel.

His hair is wet.

1. Where has Jack probably been?

2. Your Clues

PAGE 8 — Find the Evidence

The Lost Toy

Lucy cannot find her teddy bear.

She looks under her bed.

Nothing.

She looks in her toy box.

Nothing.

Then she sees a brown ear behind the sofa.

“There you are!” she says.

Lucy hugs her teddy bear.



Question

1. Where is Lucy's teddy bear?

PROVE IT!

1. Underline the words that prove your answer.

2. How does Lucy probably feel at the end?

3. Which action gives you a clue?

PAGE 9 — Detective Magnifying Glass

Read the sentence.

Sam's shoes are wet.

He leaves his umbrella by the door.

What was the weather probably like?

 CLUE 1

 CLUE 2

My Conclusion

I think _____

because _____.

PART 4

FIRST • NEXT • THEN • LAST

PAGE 10 — Put It in Order

Ben's Little Boat

Ben takes his boat to the pond.

First, he puts it in the water.

The wind blows.

The boat moves across the pond.

It gets stuck near a rock.

Ben uses a long stick.

At last, he gets his boat back.



Number the Events 1-4

___ Ben gets the boat back.

___ Ben puts the boat in the water.

___ The boat gets stuck.

___ The wind moves the boat.

Now Tell It

First, _____

Next, _____

Then, _____

Last, _____

PAGE 11 — Picture the Story 🌀

Planting a Seed

Ella digs a small hole.

She puts a seed inside.

She covers it with soil.

Ella gives it water.

Days pass.

A little green plant appears.

Draw 4 Pictures

FIRST

NEXT

THEN

LAST

Tell the story using your pictures.

PART 5

FIVE-FINGER RETELL

PAGE 12 – My Story Hand

WHO?

Who is the story about?

WHERE?

Where does it happen?

BEGINNING

What happens first?

MIDDLE

What happens next?

 END

How does it finish?

 Now Tell the Story!

The story is about...

PAGE 13 — Try the Five-Finger Retell

The Bee in the Garden

Lee sees a bee in the garden.



The bee flies from flower to flower.

It lands on a yellow flower.



Lee watches quietly.

His little sister runs toward the bee.

“Wait,” says Lee.

They sit beside the garden and watch.

Soon, the bee flies away.



 Story Hand

WHO? _____

WHERE? _____

BEGINNING: _____

MIDDLE: _____

END: _____

Now close the story.

Can you retell it?

☐ Yes!

☐ Almost!

☐ I need another look.



PART 6

CHARACTER FEELINGS ❤️

PAGE 14 — How Do They Feel?

The Broken Tower

Noah builds a tall block tower.

He puts one more block on top.

Crash!

The tower falls down.

Noah looks at the blocks.

He frowns.

His sister sits beside him.

“Let’s build it again,” she says.

Noah smiles.

How does Noah feel?

At first:



After the tower falls:



At the end:



 **Prove It!**

Which words show how Noah feels?

PAGE 15 — Feelings Detective

Match the clues.

She smiles and claps. → happy / scared

He hides behind Dad. → excited / scared

She crosses her arms and frowns.

→ angry / happy

He jumps up and shouts, “Yes!” → excited / sad

Challenge

Don't use the word happy.

Write one action that could show someone is happy.

PART 7

PREDICT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT 🧠

PAGE 16 — What Happens Next?

Dark Clouds

Ella and Dad are at the park.

They are having a picnic.

Ella looks at the sky.

Big, dark clouds are coming.

The wind begins to blow.

A drop of water lands on Ella's hand.

STOP! 🛑

What do you think will happen next?

☐ They will go swimming.

☐ It will begin to rain.

☐ The sun will become brighter.

Why?

I predict _____

because _____.

Now draw what you think happens next.

PAGE 17 — Predict and Check

The Door

Jack hears a knock.

Knock! Knock!

He walks to the door.

His dog runs behind him.

Jack opens the door.

STOP! 

1. Who do you think might be there?

2. Why?

READ ON

Grandma is standing outside.

She has a big box in her hands.

“Surprise!” she says.

Was your prediction correct?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not exactly—but that’s okay!

★ Remember

A prediction doesn’t have to be right.
It needs a good reason.

PART 8

CAUSE & EFFECT

PAGE 18 – Why Did It Happen?

Draw a line.

It began to rain.

→ Mia opened her umbrella.

The dog was thirsty.

→ Dad filled its bowl.

The room was dark.

→ Ben turned on the light.

Lily was cold.

→ She put on her coat.

Cause

Why did it happen?

Effect

What happened because of it?

PAGE 19 — Cause & Effect Detective

The Muddy Dog

It rains all morning.

Max takes his dog outside.

The dog runs through a big puddle.

Splash!

Mud covers its paws.

When they get home, Max gets a towel.



CAUSE

Why are the dog's paws muddy?

EFFECT

What does Max do?



 Find the sentence that proves your answer.

PART 9

FACT OR OPINION?

PAGE 20 – Fact or Opinion?

FACT 🔍

The story tells us.

OPINION ❤️

Someone thinks or feels it.

Read:

The goat is white.

FACT / OPINION



The goat is adorable.

FACT / OPINION

The boat is red.

FACT / OPINION

Red boats are the best.

FACT / OPINION



The bee lands on a flower.

FACT / OPINION

Bees are beautiful.

FACT / OPINION



PAGE 21 — What Do YOU Think?

Read:

Snow Day

Snow covers the ground.

Leo puts on his boots.

He makes a snowman.

Then he drinks warm cocoa.

FACT

Write one fact from the story:

OPINION

Complete:

I think snow days are _____
because _____.

♥ No Wrong Answer

Your opinion belongs to you.

PART 10

READ & DRAW

PAGE 22 — Read Carefully!

Read:

A small yellow boat is on the blue pond.

A green frog sits on a gray rock.

Two birds fly above the tree.

A red ball is beside the pond.

The sun is behind a cloud.



Draw Exactly What You Read

Detective Check

☐ yellow boat

☐ green frog

☐ gray rock

☐ two birds

☐ red ball

☐ cloud

Did your drawing prove you understood the words?



YES!

PAGE 23 — Read, Draw & Add

Step 1

Draw a green tree.

Step 2

Put a bee above the tree.

Step 3

Draw a goat beside the tree.

Step 4

Put three flowers under the tree.

Step 5

Draw a bird between the goat and the tree.

PART 11

MAIN IDEA

PAGE 24 — What Is It Mostly About?

Read:

Mia has a little garden.

She plants seeds.

She gives them water every day.

Soon, green leaves appear.

Mia smiles when she sees her plants grow.

1. What is this mostly about?

☐ Mia taking care of her garden.

☐ Mia buying new shoes.

☐ Mia playing with a dog.

2. Which TWO details support your answer?

PAGE 25 — Give the Story a Title

???

Sam wakes up early.

He puts food in a bowl.

His little dog runs into the kitchen.

The dog eats the food.

Sam fills another bowl with water.

Then he pats his dog.

Choose the best title.

☐ Sam Feeds His Dog

☐ A Day at the Beach

☐ The Lost Shoe

★ Challenge

Can you make your own title?

PART 12

THE BIG STORY DETECTIVE CHALLENGE

PAGE 26 — The Missing Cookie 🍪

The Missing Cookie

Mom puts three cookies on a plate.

Then she goes upstairs.

Jake walks into the kitchen.

He sees the cookies.

His little dog, Coco, sits beside him.

Jake takes one cookie.

He goes to his room.

A few minutes later, Mom comes back.

She looks at the plate.

“Hmm,” she says.

Coco is still sitting beside the table.

Jake comes downstairs with crumbs on his shirt.

 FIND IT

How many cookies did Mom put on the plate?

 THINK ABOUT IT

Who probably ate the missing cookie?

 PROVE IT

What clue helped you know?

 TELL IT

Tell what happened in your own words.

 MAKE IT YOURS

What do you think Jake should do next?

PAGE 27 — Mystery at the Window

Who Was There?

Ava is reading in her room.

Suddenly—

Tap! Tap! Tap!

Something hits the window.

Ava looks up.

She sees small wet marks on the glass.

A branch moves outside.

Then she hears:

Tweet! Tweet!

Ava smiles.

Who was probably near the window?

- ☐ a bird
- ☐ a cow
- ☐ a fish

CLUE #1

CLUE #2

My Conclusion

I think it was -----

because -----.

PAGE 28 — The Picnic Mystery

What Happened to the Sandwich?

Dad puts a sandwich on the picnic blanket.

The family goes to play with a ball.

When they come back, the sandwich is gone.

A little dog is sitting nearby.

There are crumbs beside its paws.

The dog licks its mouth.

What probably happened?

Find THREE clues.

 1. _____

 2. _____

 3. _____

Detective Verdict

I think _____ because _____.

PAGE 29 — My Comprehension Ladder

HOW HIGH CAN I CLIMB? 🪜

STEP 1 🔍 FIND IT

I can find information in the story.

☐

STEP 2 💭 THINK ABOUT IT

I can use clues to figure things out.

☐

STEP 3 🔍 PROVE IT

I can show which words helped me.

☐

STEP 4 🗣️ TELL IT

I can retell the story.

☐

STEP 5 ❤️ MAKE IT MINE

I can share my own ideas about the story.

☐

Today I reached:

★ Step -----

PAGE 30 — My Story Detective Passport

STORY DETECTIVE PASSPORT

Mission	Solved!
Find the Fact	
Make an Inference	
Put Events in Order	
Retell a Story	
Understand Feelings	
Make a Prediction	
Find Cause & Effect	
Find the Main Idea	
Solve a Reading Mtstery	

When every mission is complete:

YOU ARE A STORY DETECTIVE!

BONUS — Parent Guide

Don't Turn Reading Into an Interrogation

After your child reads a passage, you don't need to ask ten questions.

Try this instead.

Start with:

“What happened?”

Then:

“How do you know?”

And sometimes:

“What do you think?”

Those three questions can tell you a lot.

When the Answer Is Wrong

Instead of:

✗ “No. That’s wrong.”

Try:

♥ “Let’s go back and find the clue.”

Or:

♥ “What part of the story made you think that?”

Or:

♥ “Can you show me your evidence?”

We want children to learn:

When I’m unsure, I can go back to the text.

BONUS – 10-Minute Comprehension Routine

Minutes 1-3 – READ

Read one short passage.

Minutes 4-5 – FIND IT

Ask one question whose answer is directly in the text.

Minutes 6-7 – THINK

Ask one simple inference question.

Minute 8 – PROVE IT

Find the clue.

Minute 9 – TELL IT

Retell the story.

Minute 10 – MAKE IT YOURS

Ask:

“What did you think about the story?”

Done.

BONUS — Story Detective Certificate

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OFFICIAL STORY DETECTIVE

This certificate belongs to

who learned to:



Find important details



Think beyond the words



Find evidence



Retell a story



Share ideas about reading

CASE CLOSED! 

Date: -----

Parent / Teacher: -----

Small Steps. Strong Readers.

— Soro English

Answer Key

Page 2: red / park / under a bench

Page 3: gray / yellow / umbrella; rainy-weather clues include gray sky, umbrella, rain

Page 4: Ben and his dog / park / red ball / dog drops the ball by a tree

Page 5: rain; boots, umbrella, dark clouds

Page 6: sad → happy; clues include empty lunch box, smile disappears, smiles again

Page 7: baking / swimming or pool; accept equivalent answers supported by clues

Page 8: behind the sofa / happy; “There you are!”, hugs teddy bear

Page 9: rainy; wet shoes + umbrella

Page 10: gets boat back 4 / puts boat in water 1 / gets stuck 3 / wind moves boat 2

Page 14: upset/sad after tower falls; happy at end

Page 16: it will rain

Page 18: rain → umbrella / thirsty → water / dark → light / cold → coat

Page 19: dog ran through a muddy puddle / Max gets a towel

Page 20: fact / opinion / fact / opinion / fact / opinion

Page 24: Mia taking care of her garden

Page 25: Sam Feeds His Dog

Page 26: Jake; crumbs on his shirt and he took a cookie

Page 27: bird; wet marks/tapping + “Tweet! Tweet!”

Page 28: the dog probably ate the sandwich; dog nearby + crumbs by paws + licking mou