

# TALE TOWN'S DETECTIVE AGENCY HEADQUARTERS

Little Red enters your office . . .

Little Red



"Detective, I need your help! Last night someone broke into Tale Town's Tower Clock and stole both the short and long hands off the clock's face. I'm not sure if you knew this, but those hands have the power to mess with the time all over town. The thief already has started messing with the time, look at your watch Detective!



Looking down at your watch, you realize that Little Red is right! The time is saying 12:00, but you just ate breakfast!

Little Red

"It's so annoying! I missed two appointments this morning because of the time on my watch flicking back and forth like a yo-yo. If you look outside, you'll see that the town is starting to become frustrated and anxious too. Detective, could you please help solve who stole Tale Town's Clock Hands?



You grab your detective kit and agree to help solve this case.



"Thank you, Detective! I'll meet you at the bottom of Tale Town's Tower Clock in ten minutes. Probably don't look at your clock for the time.



On the following pages you will be visiting locations and discovering clues. As you complete each page, go over your possible suspects list to see if any information discovered eliminates a character from being the clock tower thief.

# 1. VISIT LOCATION: Tale Town Clock Tower

Peering up at the tall tower, you notice that the two hands are missing from the giant clock face.



"Detective, over here! Look, I locked the clock tower door last night at six O'clock p.m. Strangely it is still locked!"

Little Red waves for you to go inside the door at the bottom of the tower.



- You observe the following:*
- The entry door lock isn't broken
  - There is no sign of a forced entry
  - A screwdriver has been left on the floor next to a bottle of red fizzy drink..

"The thief must have stolen the key from my place to get inside so easily. No one else in town has a key to this clock tower!"



## CLUE 1

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! The first one is done for you. Use the reading text above to answer the questions below. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.

1. What is missing from the giant clock face? The t<sub>1</sub> W<sub>2</sub> o<sub>3</sub> a<sub>4</sub> d<sub>5</sub>.
2. Who is the only person that owns the key to Tale Town's Clock Tower? L<sub>5</sub> t<sub>6</sub> i<sub>7</sub> Re<sub>8</sub>
3. When did Little Red lock the clock tower door? La<sub>9</sub> t<sub>10</sub> i<sub>11</sub> ht<sub>12</sub> a<sub>13</sub> x<sub>14</sub> O'<sub>15</sub> l<sub>16</sub> ck<sub>17</sub> p.<sub>17</sub>
4. What do you notice about the door lock? Th<sub>18</sub> do<sub>19</sub> o<sub>20</sub> l<sub>21</sub> o<sub>22</sub> ck<sub>23</sub> s<sub>24</sub> n't<sub>25</sub> b<sub>26</sub> o<sub>27</sub> k<sub>28</sub> n<sub>29</sub>.
5. How does Little Red think the thief gained entry? The<sub>30</sub> th<sub>31</sub> f<sub>32</sub> st<sub>33</sub> h<sub>34</sub> a<sub>35</sub> stol<sub>36</sub> n<sub>37</sub> the<sub>38</sub> k<sub>39</sub> y<sub>40</sub> to<sub>41</sub> get<sub>42</sub> in<sub>43</sub> si<sub>44</sub> e<sub>45</sub> so<sub>46</sub> e<sub>47</sub> a<sub>48</sub> s<sub>49</sub> i<sub>50</sub> l<sub>51</sub> y<sub>52</sub>.
6. Where does Little Red keep the key? At<sub>53</sub> h<sub>54</sub> e<sub>55</sub> i<sub>56</sub> n<sub>57</sub> h<sub>58</sub> e<sub>59</sub> r<sub>60</sub> e<sub>61</sub> l<sub>62</sub> o<sub>63</sub> c<sub>64</sub> e<sub>65</sub>.
7. What do you find on the floor? A<sub>66</sub> s<sub>67</sub> c<sub>68</sub> r<sub>69</sub> e<sub>70</sub> w<sub>71</sub> r<sub>72</sub> r<sub>73</sub> i<sub>74</sub> v<sub>75</sub> e<sub>76</sub> r<sub>77</sub> a<sub>78</sub> n<sub>79</sub> d<sub>80</sub> a<sub>81</sub> b<sub>82</sub> o<sub>83</sub> t<sub>84</sub> t<sub>85</sub> l<sub>86</sub> e<sub>87</sub> o<sub>88</sub> f<sub>89</sub> i<sub>90</sub> z<sub>91</sub> y<sub>92</sub> d<sub>93</sub> r<sub>94</sub> i<sub>95</sub> n<sub>96</sub> k<sub>97</sub>.

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39	23	38	11	24	19	34	40	31	3	12	9	35	21	7	
16	10	6	2	22	4	15	36	28	1	32	42	20	27	18	33

Go to your suspect list and use the clue discovered on this page to cross off who is no longer a suspect.

# 2. VISIT LOCATION: Little Red's Cottage

Greeted by Little Red's grandma, you're pleased to be served some delicious lemonade and strange biscuits.



## Granny Smith



"This time mess is making baking very difficult. Even when I set my timer on, it pauses and rewinds back and forth like crazy! So, please forgive me if the biscuits are not the best tasting today."

## Little Red



"Granny, did you see anyone around our cottage yesterday? I think someone stole the clock tower key and then must've put it back before the morning!"

## Granny Smith



"I heard some rustling around the garden late last night. It wasn't windy, so I went to take a look to see if that cheeky rabbit was back stealing my berries. All I found was a broken thorny branch fallen from my rose bush. A button was caught on one of the thorns."

## Little Red



"OH! The button is probably off the thief's clothing! "

**CLUE 2:** Fill in the missing letters to complete the CAUSE and EFFECT statements 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. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.

CAUSE: Gra<sub>1</sub>ny's tim<sub>2</sub>er keeps flicking b<sub>3</sub>ck and f<sub>4</sub>rth.

EFFECT: So, Granny is finding it <sub>5</sub>ifficult to <sub>6</sub>ake.

CAUSE: Granny <sub>7</sub>heard some <sub>8</sub>rustling aro<sub>9</sub>nd the gar<sub>10</sub>den la<sub>11</sub>te last <sub>12</sub>ight.

EFFECT: She went to check if that cheek<sub>13</sub> <sub>14</sub>abbi<sub>15</sub> was back stealing berries.

CAUSE: The thie<sub>16</sub> <sub>17</sub>scaped bef<sub>18</sub>re Granny got to the gard<sub>19</sub>n.

EFFECT: All Granny fo<sub>20</sub>nd was a broke<sub>21</sub> thorny branch with a bu<sub>22</sub>ton.

CAUSE: The th<sub>23</sub>ef's clo<sub>24</sub>hing got caught on a thorny r<sub>25</sub>ose bush branch.

EFFECT: A button was left behin<sub>26</sub> on one of the t<sub>27</sub>orns.

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16	23	12	5

8	19	26

22	27	14	2	3	10

25	1

15	7	17

6	20	11	24	4	21



# 3. VISIT LOCATION: Down Muffin Lane

You and Little Red are walking down Muffin Lane. You notice a crowd of angry citizens.

**Nivens McTwisp**



"It's all your fault! You are the one with the key to the tower; and the only one with access! I've been late for three very important dates! "

**Little Red**



"No! It wasn't me! Someone stole my clock tower key and returned it!"

**Polly Piggles**



"Why would someone steal your key and then go to the effort of returning it?"

"The thief must be trying to make it look like it was me!"

**Sheriff Star**



"Little Red, you are under arrest for the theft of Tale Town's Clock Tower Hands and for messing with the time. You will remain behind bars until you confess to the crime or proven innocent!"

As Sheriff Star gives the order, Little Red is handcuffed and taken to a cell in Tale Town's dungeon. Little Red looks at you helplessly as she pleads her innocence.

**CLUE 3 - 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. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.*

- Why is Nivens McTwisp angry with Little Red? **Because he blames Little Red for being late to three very important dates.**
- Why doesn't Polly Piggles believe Little Red? **Because Polly doesn't understand why the thief would go to the effort of returning the key.**
- What does Little Red think the thief is doing? **The thief is trying to make it look like it was her who stole the clock tower hands.**
- How long will Little Red remain behind bars? **Until she confesses to the crime or is proven innocent.**

3	2	5

1	4	12	8	6

13	9

11	10	7

# 4. VISIT LOCATION: Detective Headquarters

You return to your office to think about what could have happened. You still don't have enough evidence to solve this case.

Strangely, a note has been left right next to your computer. You stop to read it to see if you can find any evidence in the text:

**Dear Detective,**

I went for a walk late last night. It was 11:00 p.m., when I walked past Tale Town's Clock Tower. I noticed someone taking off the clock hands, so I hid behind a nearby tree to watch what was going on. Unfortunately, it was too dark for me to identify the thief. They disappeared for a moment, but then I saw the thief opening the bottom door and throwing something small inside; it looked like a tool. Afterwards, the thief continued to walk over to Little Red's house. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to see anything else. Out of fear for being out past midnight, I ran back home.

**From,  
Cinderella**

**CLUE 4 -** Fill in the missing letters to complete the answers in the 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. Highlight where you find the answers in the text above as evidence.

- 1. **WHO** wrote the letter? **C**<sub>1</sub>**nd**<sub>2</sub>**rell**<sub>3</sub>
- 2. **WHEN** did Cinderella see the thief removing the clock hands? **La**<sub>4</sub>**e** **last** **nigh**<sub>5</sub> **at**  
**lev**<sub>6</sub>**n** **O'clock** **.**<sub>7</sub> **m.**<sub>8</sub>
- 3. **WHERE** did Cinderella hide? **She** **id**<sub>9</sub> **be** **ind**<sub>10</sub> **a** **nea** **b**<sub>11</sub> **tr**<sub>12</sub> **e.**<sub>13</sub>
- 4. **WHAT** did the thief throw inside the door? **Some** **hing**<sub>14</sub> **mall** **that** **looked** **like** **a** **o**<sub>15</sub> **l.**<sub>16 17</sub>
- 5. **WHERE** did the thief go after leaving the clock tower? **To** **ittle** **Red's** **use.**  
<sub>18</sub> <sub>19 20</sub>
- 6. **WHY** was the thief unable to be identified? **Because** **it**<sub>21</sub> **as** **too** **dark.**
- 7. **WHY** did Cinderella run back home? **Out** **of** **ear**<sub>22</sub> **or** **being** **out** **past** **midnig**<sub>23</sub> **t.**<sub>24</sub>

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16	9	1	13	22

19	3	15

14	24	2

8	17	21	7	11

5	20

23	18	12

# 5. VISIT LOCATION: The Three Little Pigs Café

You head over to The Three Little Pigs Café to buy some food.

## Little Miss Muffet



"With time all over the place I feel like as if I am going crazy! No wonder why there is so much chaos in town. I don't understand why anyone would bother to play with time like this, all it does is drive everyone crazy."

## Georgie Porgie



"It's so strange! I looked so much older an hour ago, now I look years younger. This is all so confusing!"

## Little Miss Muffet



"I don't even know if it's breakfast, lunch or supper. I guess I'll be eating curds and whey all day!"

"Looks like the time issue isn't bothering your spider friend! Anyway, I don't care what time of the day it is, I'm going to eat plum pie all the time now!"

**CLUE 5** - 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! The first one is already done.

→ **Highlight the word answers in the text above as evidence.**

A baked dish of fruit, or meat/vegetables, with a top and base of pastry.	p <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
Unusual or surprising; difficult to understand or explain.	s <u>  </u> <u>  </u> r a n g <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
A type of stone fruit.	p <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u> m
A meal eaten in the morning.	<u>  </u> r e <u>  </u> k f a s <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
A creature with eight legs.	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u> i d e <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
Something that Miss Muffet is eating.	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> r d s and <u>  </u> h e <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
It has sixty minutes.	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u> u r <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
A built up area with a name.	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u> w <u>  </u> <u>  </u>
Something that Miss Muffet is doing at the café.	e a <u>  </u> <u>  </u> i <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>

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# SOLVE THE MYSTERY!

## ONCE UPON A CRIME: STOLEN TIME

WHO stole the magical clock hands and is messing with the time?

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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, Tale Town's Clock Tower Hands are immediately returned and the time is restored once again. Everyone in Tale Town cheers for your hard work on this case, great job Detective!



**Oops! Try again!**

No, that is not who stole the clock hands, go back, check your work and try again.