



ALWAYS ASK AN
ADULT FOR HELP

How to make up a detective story!

Before we start...

Get inspired!

Find an interesting object. It can be big
or small.

*Just make sure a grown-up says it's OK
for you to use.*



- Gently touch the surface of the object.
- Is it rough or smooth, hard or soft?
- Is it wet or dry, cold or hot?
- Does it feel similar to anything else?

Your very own detective

Now we're going to use your interesting object
to create a detective, who we will use to solve a
mystery!

- 1** First, use the describing words from your
interesting object to imagine what kind of
clothes your detective enjoys wearing.



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Amelia



Follow along with Amelia's Story

Amelia's found an interesting plant in
her kitchen. Its leaves are smooth and
firm to the touch, and they seem quite
dry and warm, because the plant's
been in the sun.



The leaves of Amelia's plant were
quite warm, so she's decided that
her detective likes wearing a
green woolly hat, whatever the
weather!

2 Next, use your object's describing words to imagine what kind of food your detective likes eating.

3 Now, think of a name for your detective!

4 Finally, speak about, write or record a description of your detective, or draw a picture – or both, if you like!



What's the problem?

Every detective needs a mystery to solve.

5 Find another interesting object.

6 Carefully investigate it using one of your senses (for example, hearing, touch, smell or vision).

7 What words can you think of to describe this object? Is it similar to anything?

8 Now, use your object to think of a problem for your detective to solve. No mystery is too big or too small. Speak about, write, record and/or draw it!

Solving the mystery

9 Find another interesting object.

10 Investigate it carefully using one of your senses.

11 What words can you think of to describe it? What is it similar to?

12 Amelia's investigating the wooden kitchen table. It makes a deep, solid sound when she taps it with her knuckle. It reminds her of a treasure chest!

13 Use your object to help your detective solve their mystery! Speak about, write, record and/or draw your solution.

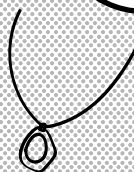
Amelia's chosen tomatoes, because tomatoes are smooth and firm, just like her leaves!



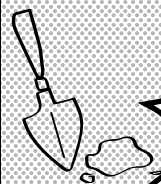
Persimmon Chadwick is a teenage detective who loves wearing green woolly hats and eating tomatoes. Her favourite tomatoes come from her grandmother's vegetable garden.

It's often fun to compare things which are different. Amelia's found a shiny bathroom mirror, which reminds her of a shiny silver necklace!

Persimmon Chadwick is investigating the mysterious disappearance of a silver necklace belonging to her grandmother.



Persimmon Chadwick speaks to her grandmother, who shows her a small wooden jewellery box which she found while digging in her tomato patch. Together they slowly lift the lid of the box and there, glinting at the bottom, is her grandmother's silver necklace!



But how did the necklace end up in the box? ...That's another mystery!