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Introducing…Sam Sherlock and his dog, Watson.

These two characters lead students through many adventures ranging from school pranks to difficult police cases. Sam, the famous detective, is a gentleman who lives with his dog, Watson, in Anytown, U.S.A. Following their adventures, students will also meet Wendy, Sam Sherlock's niece; Bill Larson, Sam's teacher friend; Dan Travis, the police lieutenant; and others.

In this reading-listening-thinking book, students are encouraged through clever questions to analyze situations and predict outcomes in addition to getting facts. The book is versatile: Teachers may read the stories to the students to test students' listening ability, or students may read the stories to test their own logic skills. A combination of both may prove to be the best approach. The stories start with simple mysteries and increase in difficulty as the book progresses. A wide selection of high-interest stories are presented in easy-to-read vocabulary.
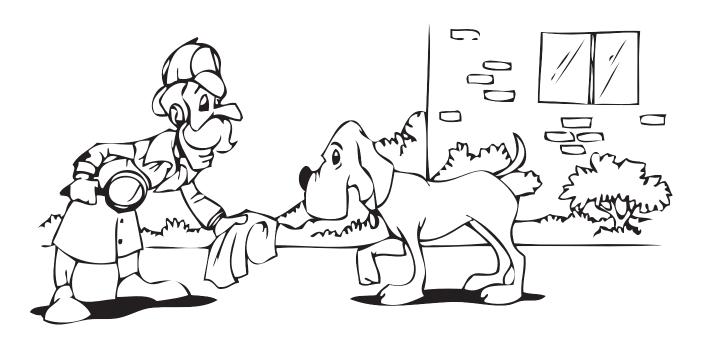
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The Case of the Missing Girl

Watson's barks could be heard by all the students in Mr. Larson's math class. "Look!" they cried. "There's Sam Sherlock and Watson, his dog!" they shouted, as they looked out of the big window facing the street.

"Welcome, Sam and Watson," said Mr. Larson as he opened the door. "I certainly hope you can help us. As I told you when I called, one of our girls, Sue, did not come back from lunch, and we are very worried. I called you before I did anything else."

"Let's go look around the school," Sam said. "Come on, Watson. Maybe you can help." Watson smelled the girl's sweater. Then he ran out and put his nose to the ground. He sniffed and sniffed. He ran this way and that. Suddenly, he put his nose in the air, sniffed once more, and ran to the equipment box on the field.

Who do you suppose was sleeping in the box?

Were You Listening?

Questions: The Case of the Missing Girl

1. Who do you suppose was sleeping in the box?_____

    _____

2. How did Watson know where to look? _____

    _____

3. How do dogs find some things? What can dogs do better than humans?

    _____

    _____

4. Do the police use dogs to find things for them? _____

5. Who called Sam to help him? _____

6. What class were the children in? _____

7. Have you ever had someone worry about you because they couldn't find
    you? What happened?

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    _____

8. Have you ever fallen asleep when you were hiding somewhere? What
    happened?

    _____

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9. Some missing children stories are not solved as quickly as this one. List
    some rules children should follow to be safe.

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10. Who solved the case?_____

The Case of the Killer Whale

Sam Sherlock loved SeaWorld. He wished that his dog, Watson, had been allowed to come into the park. Sam thought of the reason he was there: Shamu, the killer whale, had been given bad fish that made him sick.

"Who would want to make Shamu sick? And why?" Sam wondered.

Just then, a man with a bald head and big round glasses came from behind Shamu's tank. He carried a pail, and he looked around and around. Sam followed him because the man looked like he was up to something. The man walked to the parking lot and climbed into a truck. A big sign on the truck read:

See Jaws…Our Whale That Beats Shamu.

Sea Oceans West…The Park For You!

Sam knew who made Shamu sick and why.

Do you know?

Were You Listening?

Questions: The Case of the Killer Whale

1. Who made Shamu sick?_____

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2. Why did that person make Shamu sick? _____

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3. Where was Sam in this story? _____

4. Why do you think his dog, Watson, was not allowed into the park?

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   _____

5. How was Shamu made sick? _____

   _____

6. What did the man behind Shamu's tank look like? _____

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7. Where did Sam follow the man? _____

   _____

8. What clue did Sam see on the truck? _____

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9. What was the name of the whale at Sea Oceans West? _____

10. What will Sam do next? _____

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