

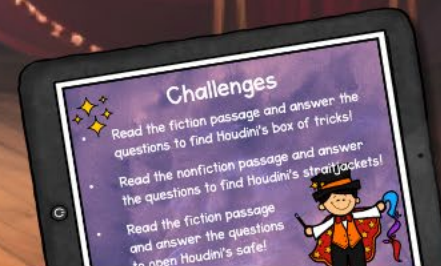
# Reading Comprehension

4th & 5th Grade

## Houdini's Escape Room



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# Shazam!

Students won't realize they are practicing Reading Comprehension skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.

You've been invited to Houdini's Magic Parlor to try to find his Book of Secrets... Houdini was a master illusionist, and it's likely not in plain sight!

You'll have to think like an escape artist to get out with the book! To find it, you'll need to:

1. Find *Houdini's* box of tricks!
2. Find *Houdini's* straitjackets!
3. Open *Houdini's* safe!
4. Open *Houdini's* trap door!

**Let's Go!**

After each challenge, gather something special to add to your own magic box of tricks!

Learn more!





# 4 Reading Challenges

## Challenge #1

1. Read the fiction passage and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to find *Houdini's* box of tricks!
3. Gather the magician's box of tricks. →



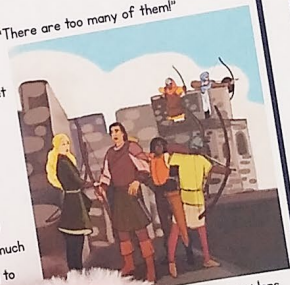
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He said, "Is not panic. That will be useless." He saw the raiders attempted to scale the wall. "Anything we can throw at them," he ordered. "Anything we can throw at them," he ordered. Off, and in moments they'd hauled out anything they could find: shields, iron candle holders, and so much more, knocking raiders off and sending them tumbling to the ground.

- What did the archers begin doing when they ran out of arrows?
- a. They started fighting the raiders with their hands.
  - b. They began shouting threats at the raiders.
  - c. They started throwing objects at the raiders to keep them off the castle.
  - d. They began preparing for an invasion.

- How did Galen and Edriel know each other?
- a. They had known each other since birth and grew up together in the kingdom.
  - b. They met in archery class at school.
  - c. They were brother and sister.
  - d. They just met moments ago, while trying to defeat the raiders.

3. What thought made Galen do what was necessary to defeat the raiders?
- a. The thought of the raiders getting into the castle and taking over the kingdom.
  - b. The thought that if Edriel wanted him to do this, he would do it just for her.
  - c. The thought that if his father were alive to protect the kingdom, so would he.
  - d. The thought that even though he didn't want to transform, he had to because the

- Challenges focused on Reading Comprehension
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 2 nonfiction passages, and 2 fiction passages
- Multiple choice questions
- Passages in 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Text Complexity band (740L-1010L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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# 4 Reading Challenges

- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep kids engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

## Challenge #4

1. Read the nonfiction passage and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to open Houdini's trap door!
3. Gather the magician's deck of cards to add to your own magic box of tricks.



## Trap Door!

Enter your answers in the Magician's Decoder to see if you are ready to open Houdini's trap door!



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to view the video.



## Sarah Emma Edmonds

Sarah Emma Edmondson was born in December of 1841 in New Brunswick, Canada. Her family had a farm, and her father wished she was a boy to help with the crops. He treated her badly and was going to force her to marry so in 1857, she left home. She changed her last name to Edmonds. She feared that her father would find her, however, so she moved to the United States. She disguised herself as a man and used the name "Franklin Thompson" in order to travel without being noticed and to more easily get a job. She settled in Connecticut, finding work selling Bibles.

When the Civil War started in 1861, Edmonds lived in Michigan and was still in the bookselling business. She sided with the Union (the northern states who wanted to preserve the United States) and decided to join the army.

### Timeline of Sarah Emma Edmonds' Life

Year	Event
1841	Born in New Brunswick, Canada
1857	Left home to escape forced marriage
1858	Disguised herself as a man and moved to the United States
1861	Joined the Union Army during the Civil War
1862	Wounded in battle and captured by the Confederates
1863	Released and returned to the Union Army
1865	War ended, returned to civilian life

1. Why did Sarah Emma Edmonds leave her home in New Brunswick, Canada?
  - a. Her father wanted a better life for her so he sent her to the United States.
  - b. Her father treated her badly because she was not a boy, and he was forcing her to get married.
  - c. Sarah knew that she did not want to live and work on her family's farm forever so she left to find a different job.
  - d. Sarah wanted to be in the army, but her father wouldn't let her so she ran away.
2. Why did Sarah Emma Edmonds first become "Franklin Thompson?"
  - a. She could only be taken seriously on the family farm as a man so she disguised herself as one.
  - b. Sarah wanted to join the infantry, but they wouldn't let her as a woman.
  - c. Only men were allowed to be commanders' assistants so she needed to disguise herself.
  - d. Sarah wanted to travel unnoticed and get a job more easily after she left home so she disguised herself as a man.



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"The first thing we do," he said, "is not panic. That will be useless." He peeked over the wall again. A few of the raiders attempted to scale the castle's stone exterior. "Get anything we can throw at them," he ordered.

The archers scurried off, and in moments they'd hauled out anything they could carry. Chairs, sculptures, paintings, iron candle holders, and so much more. The archers scurried off, and in moments they'd hauled out anything they could carry. Chairs, sculptures, paintings, iron candle holders, and so much more.

"This is only a temporary reprieve," she said, "but it's a start. We have to hold out in one shot. "We have to hold out in one shot. "We have to hold out in one shot."

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...wall, taking three raiders  
...amped her hand on Galen's

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4. How did Galen react when he saw his reflection in the mirror?

Galen seemed excited to have more power and energy.

Galen seemed proud of himself.

Galen seemed scared of what he had become.

Galen seemed ashamed of his ugly features.




## 3 Versions

- Print
- Google Slides
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Format Type	Printable	Digital	Digital
Device	N/A	Any Device	Any Device
Required Prep	Print & Go	Copy & Share	Zero Prep
Student Answers	Printable Answer Pamphlet	Google Sheets Decoder Tool	Integrated Challenge Hub
Self Correcting	Includes Answer Key	Self Correcting	Self Correcting
Custom Videos	QR Codes	Embedded You Tube	Embedded
Audio Readings	N/A	No Audio Readings	Contains Audio Readings
Navigation	N/A	Student Directed	Automatically Advancing
Extras	Early Finish Challenges	Movable Pieces	Interactive Animation

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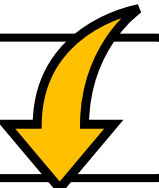




# Print

- Cut and paste stamps for each challenge
- Easy to follow
- Optimal for group or partner work
- Recording brochure for answers
- Self-checking decoder
- Certificate of completion

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## Magician's Decoder

Use the following codes for each challenge to gather your items and move to the next challenge.

Challenge 1	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
	a = We b = Just c = An d = Where	a = apple b = the c = dove d = huge	a = the b = right c = around d = and	a = the b = if c = a d = near	a = the b = chain c = dark d = locks
Challenge 2	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
	a = I b = The c = It d = His	a = noticed b = black c = velvet d = strange	a = over b = of c = some d = and	a = huge b = wild c = clear d = round	a = magician's b = red c = doves d = shimmering
Challenge 3	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
			a = behind b = reveal c = over d = tell	a = key b = padlock c = my d = wish	a = best b = more c = with d = over
Challenge 4	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
			a = full b = a c = if d = near	a = the b = a c = regular d = near	a = underneath b = the c = regular d = disguise



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## Houdini's Escape Room

### Recording Brochure




### CHALLENGE 3



	Answer	Code
1.	D	I'll
2.	B	never
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

How did you unlock Houdini's safe?




 **Houdini's Magic Parlor**  
**Challenge Complete!**


Matt Larter  
(Name)

has successfully completed  
the challenges and found  
Houdini's Book of Secrets!

15/03  
(Date)

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[click here](#) to view the  
video.



**Ooops!**  
The magic ball revealed your fate...



NO HELPING YOUR TEAM FOR 3  
MINUTES!

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- OOPS! Cards for differentiation

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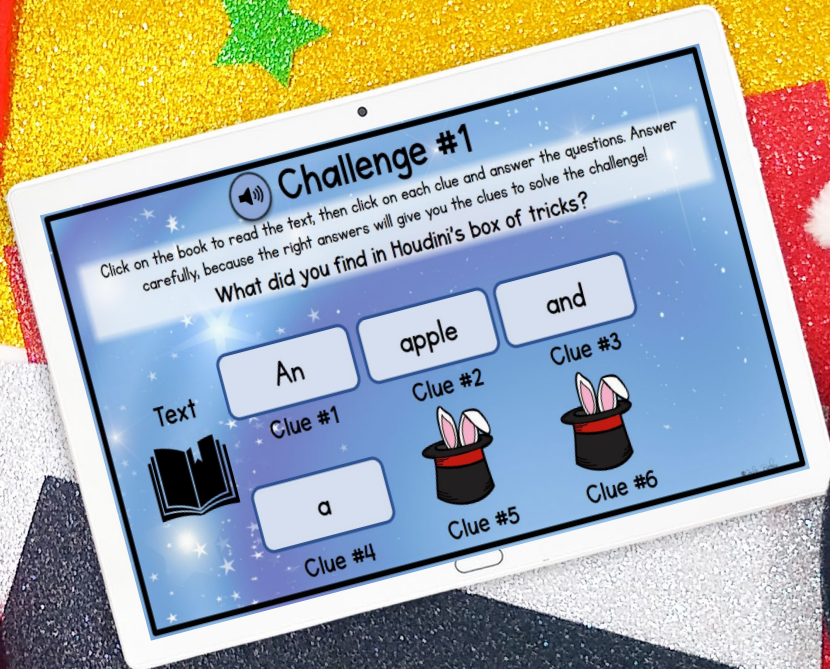




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- Most interactive experience
- Self correcting
- Embedded videos
- Embedded audio
- Animation
- Simple navigation

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# Webscape <sup>TM</sup>

- No log ins or sign ups
- Works with any device that has an internet connection and web browser
- Zero prep! Just share the link with your students.

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# Google Slides

- Three problems per slide
- Students drag to circle their answers

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# Google Slides

- Toggle to self-checking decoder
- Decoder will prompt at the end of each challenge whether students are correct or need to check their work.

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# Looking for More?

**ESCAPE ROOM BUNDLE**  
Reading Review

4th – 5th  
Grade



ELA Review  
Whodunit  
Escape Room

MOUNT OLYMPUS  
Greek Mythology  
Escape Room


Frozen Ice Palace  
Fiction Review

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**ESCAPE ROOM BUNDLE**  
Reading Comprehension

4th – 5th  
Grade



Main Idea  
Wizarding Escape Room

Context Clues  
Pirate Themed Escape Room

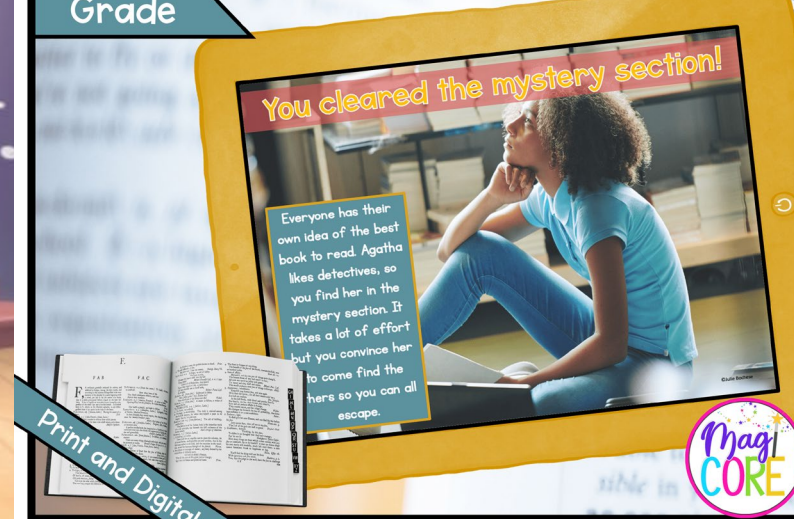
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Mission in Space Escape Room

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**Locked in the Library**  
Dictionary Skills Escape Room

4th – 5th  
Grade



You cleared the mystery section!

Everyone has their own idea of the best book to read. Agatha likes detectives, so you find her in the mystery section. It takes a lot of effort but you convince her to come find the here so you can all escape.

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