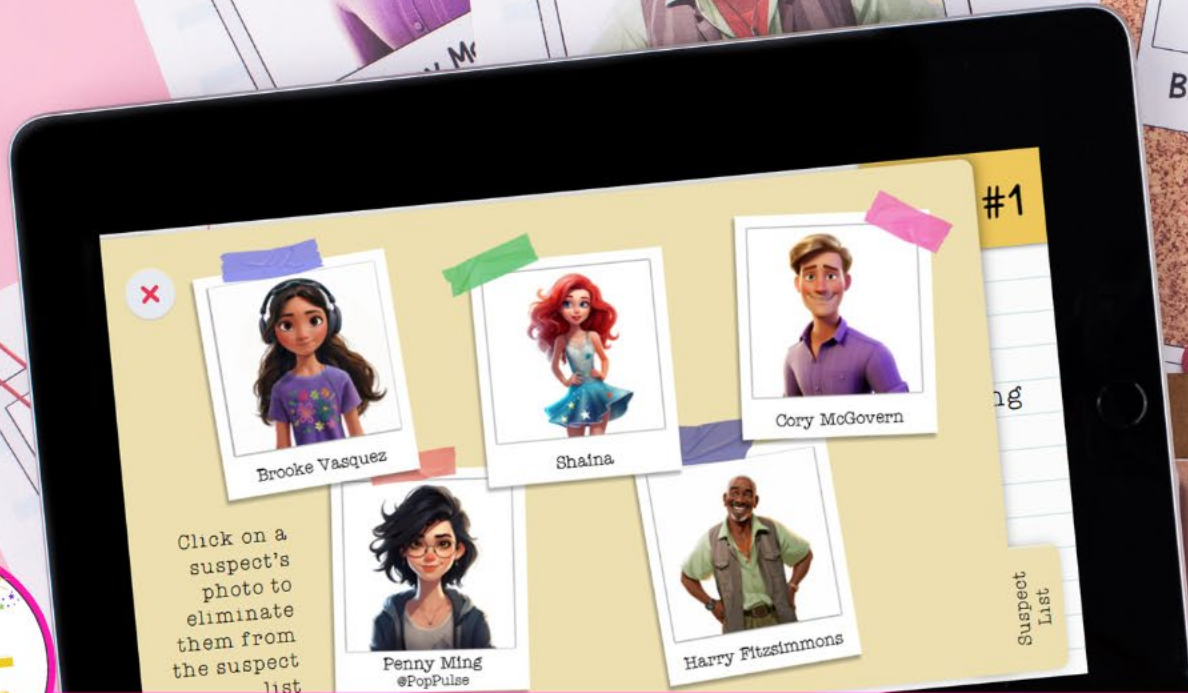


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- Read five sections of the mystery of Lost Pop Star Guitar
- Uncover clues by answering basic comprehension questions.
- Challenges are short
 - 🔍 1-2 Pages
 - 🔍 Each takes 10-15 minutes
- Decode the clues to eliminate each suspect.

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The Case of the Lost Pop Star Guitar

Clue #1

Directions: Read the passage below. Answer the questions to decode the symbol. This will reveal a clue of a suspect you can eliminate.

The Show Can't Go On

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Her Grandpa Jack had made that guitar with his own two hands, and the gift had been precious to Amber. He'd even hidden the cutest daisy symbol on the back that no one knew about. It had a yellow heart at the center with eight white petals around the heart. In the petals were written the words *You are pure magic. I believe in you*. Amber looked at that secret daisy and said those words to herself before every performance. She was convinced the guitar, and that daisy, were what made her so successful in her music career. Her fans loved her and kept her songs at the top of the charts, but she wouldn't stay there without that guitar.

"Okay," Harry Fitzsimmons, Amber's tour bus driver, said. "Did you search the bus?" He lifted a cushion from the floor.

"I did," Amber said. "It's nowhere. I've searched this bus from top to bottom. What am I going to do? I can't perform without my guitar."



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Clue #5

Directions: Read the passage below. Answer the questions to decode the symbol. This will reveal a suspect you can eliminate.

Superfan to the Rescue

Amber found Cory on the tour bus with his left ankle wrapped and elevated on a pillow as he slumped on his bed. She probably had brought him something. Isn't that what good friends do? They brought gifts to cheer up a friend who had sprained his ankle. Even worse, he most likely sprained it because he was overworked and just as crazy as Amber was about putting on a perfect show for fans.

Maybe Harry is right about taking a break.

However, she needed to find her guitar before Amber could even consider time off so the next concert could happen.


"I'm so sorry, Amber!" Cory cried the moment he saw her.

"So, you *did* take my lucky guitar this morning?" She half-believed it wouldn't be him. He was, after all, her oldest friend and someone she trusted. Or at least she'd thought she could trust him.

"What? Take your guitar! No." Cory's brows furrowed, and then he pointed to the little table in the kitchen area of the tour bus. "I was at the emergency room for most of the morning, waiting forever for a doctor to see me. The paperwork is right there."

Amber looked at the paperwork over. It was legit, with an emergency room doctor's signature, the date, and everything.

"Your guitar is missing? This is the first I've heard about that." Cory winced a bit when he shifted on the bed and jostled his ankle. "Why would you think I would touch your guitar?"




CLUE #5:

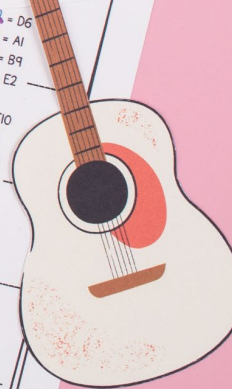
5. Why does Cory want some friend time with Amber?

- a. He is bored and wants something to do. = D6
- b. He misses her. = A1
- c. He is sick of being so busy all the time. = B9
- d. He wants her to stop being famous. = E2

6. How is Brooke trying to help Amber?

- a. She is supplying a possible clue as to who has the guitar. = F10
- b. She is calling another guitar for Amber to use. = E1
- c. She is locating a possible clue as to who has the guitar. = C8
- d. She set a trap for the real guitar thief. = J4

= J10
= I4
= C6
= E7
= H5
= G4
= D3
= C10



Be the Detective!






Unlock clues to eliminate suspects.

Once students find the culprit, they can scan the videos or use the "case file" to self-correct their work.

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Review the clues. Who took Amber's guitar?
Drag the photo of the culprit into the folder.

 Brooke Vasquez	 Shaina
 Gary Matthews	 Penny Ming
 Harry Fitzsimmons	

Clue #1
receipt times prove Harry went shopping

Clue #2
Brooke plays flute in music class

Clue #3
Shaina is becoming a movie star

Clue #4
Guy was at the emergency room

Clue #5
Penny posts secret daisy symbol online

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Directions: Answer the comprehension questions. Use your notes to help you.

What is Amber Dash's problem?

- She ran out of things to sing.
- She lost her guitar.
- Her guitar is missing.
- No one wants to go to her concert.

What hidden symbol is on the back of Amber's guitar?

- a dandelion
- a daisy
- a dollar
- a dragon

3. Which word best describes Grandpa Jack and Amber?

- regretful
- boring
- distant
- supportive

4. What emotion is Amber feeling due to her problem?

- panic
- guilt
- anger
- delight

5. Why does Amber suspect Harry?

- He wants her to play the piano instead.
- He never liked the guitar.
- He told her to take a break.
- He was enemies with Grandpa Jack.

6. What does the line "I would never cause you grief by taking your guitar" mean?

- He's jealous of Amber.
- He cares about Amber.
- He thinks Amber's career is silly.
- He is sick of driving the tour bus.

CLUE #1: _____

Clue #1 Question 2

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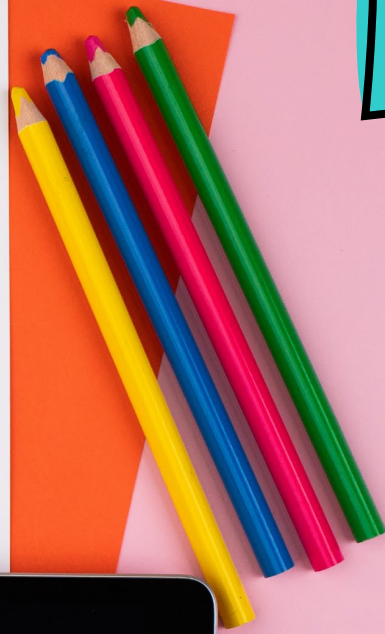
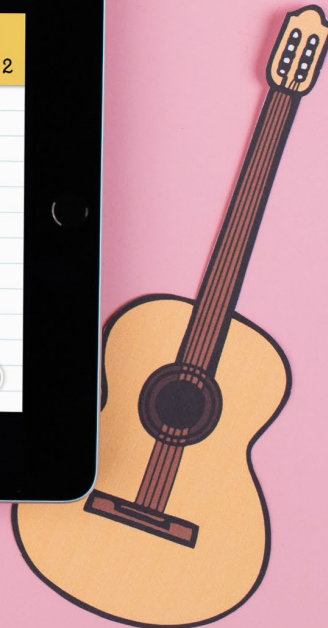
a dandelion a dollar



a daisy a dragon

Use the decoder to find the word that corresponds to this code:

Code word: _____

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Decode Clues

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Directions: Answer the comprehension questions. Use your answers to decipher the code in the passage.

What is Amber Dash's problem?

Decoder	Clue
_____ = A3	_____ = A3
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_____ = E5	_____ = E5
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CLUE #1: _____




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Clue #1

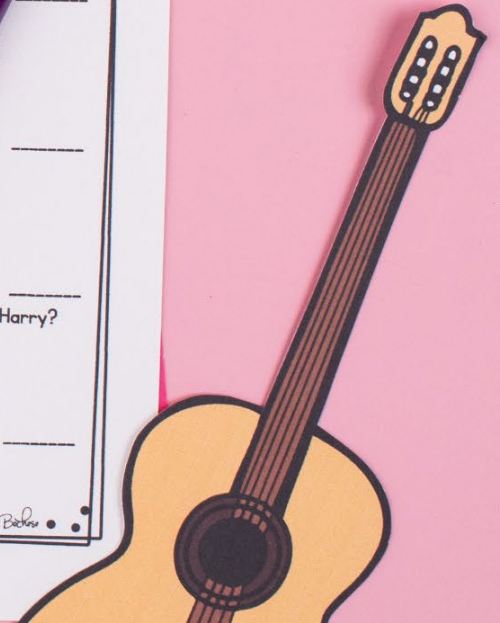
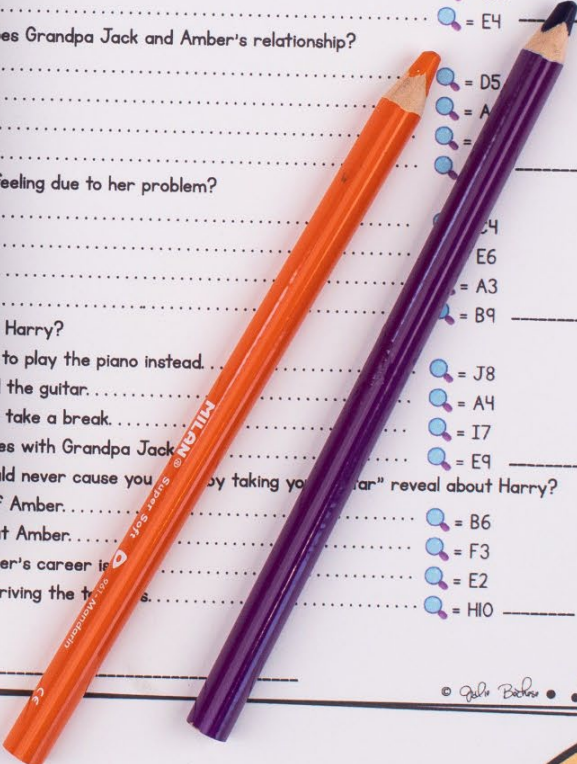
Read the clue you decoded below. Use the clue to eliminate a suspect on the "Suspect List" tab.

If you think the clue isn't quite right, you can use the back arrow to answer the questions again.

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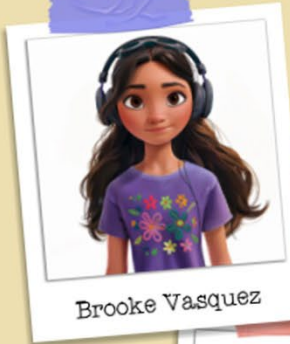


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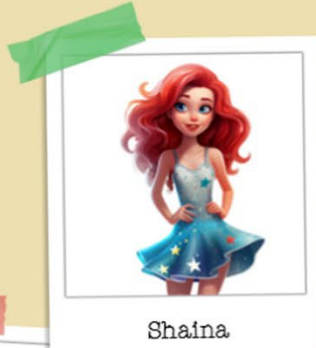


Eliminate Suspects

Cory McGovern



Brooke Vasquez



Shaina

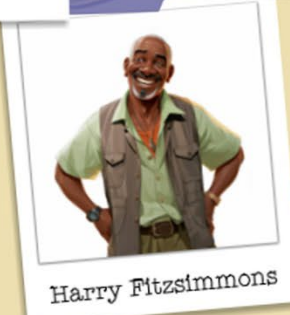


Cory McGovern

Click on a suspect's photo to eliminate them from the suspect list



Penny Ming
@PopPulse

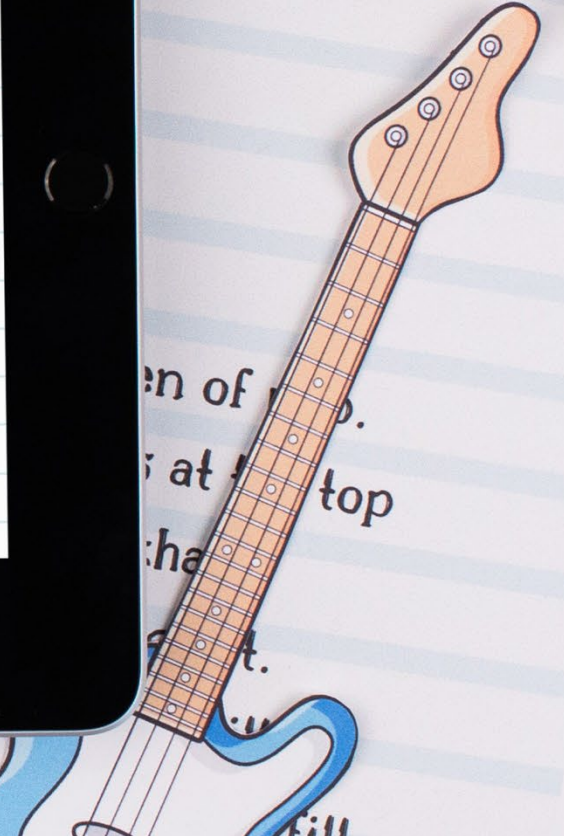


Harry Fitzsimmons

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Suspect List



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