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# THE GALACTIC SPACE STATION PUZZLE



Reading Comprehension





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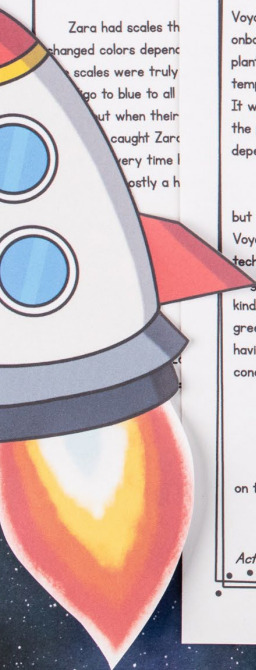
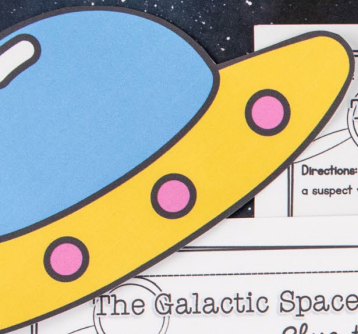
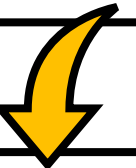
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# 5 Reading Challenges

- Read five sections of the mystery of The Galactic Space Station Puzzle
- 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 Galactic Space Station Puzzle

#### Clue #3

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

Say Cheese!

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### The Galactic Space Station Puzzle

#### Clue #1

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

1. Why is Earth's plant life in trouble?

- a. wildfires
- b. excessive temperatures and wild weather
- c. a deadly pesticide
- d. a shortage of good soil

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### The Galactic Space Station Puzzle

#### Clue #2

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

#### Missing Quantum Flux Generator Generates Worry

Earth's finest space station, Starlight Voyager, orbited the planet while the team onboard conducted its critical research. Earth's plant life was in trouble due to excessive temperatures and wild weather on the surface. It was up to this team to find solutions to save the plants on which animals and humanity depended. Failure would equal disaster.



The pressure on this crew was incredible, but everyone was hopeful because Starlight Voyager was the latest innovation in space station technology. Its main power source, the Quantum Flux Generator, or the QFG for short, used green energy to run the space station's vital systems. The QFG was the only one of its kind, and it made this important mission possible. It was also a prototype for using more green energy on Earth, which was a large part of reversing the trouble the planet was having with plant life. The QFG was a symbol of hope for the life-saving research being conducted on the Starlight Voyager.

Until it vanished!

Commander Nova Starr had reported for duty per usual, only to find a blinking warning on the screen of his command post.

**WARNING! WARNING! Main Power Source Not Detected. Auxiliary Power Source Activated.**

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2. What does he find at the QFG's location this time?

- a. checked these crumbs
- b. footprints in the dust
- c. a handwritten note
- d. a robot puppy

3. What does the robot do?

- a. barking too much noise at the QFG
- b. playing with the station's computers
- c. playing pranks on the crew
- d. nibbling on things on Starlight Voyager

4. What reason does he have for being near the QFG?

- a. It's where he keeps his cheese.
- b. He likes the comfort of the QFG.
- c. He doesn't have a room on the station.
- d. The QFG is a good hiding spot.

5. What can be inferred by the fact that Commander Starr has wanted to send Gizmo back to Earth in a pod?

- a. Gizmo doesn't like flying in space.
- b. There was no room on the pod for Gizmo.
- c. Gizmo has asked to be sent back to Earth.
- d. Commander Starr finds Gizmo to be a nuisance.

6. What does Sparky have that could help clear Gizmo's name?

- a. audio recordings
- b. extra cheese
- c. a camera
- d. communication with Earth

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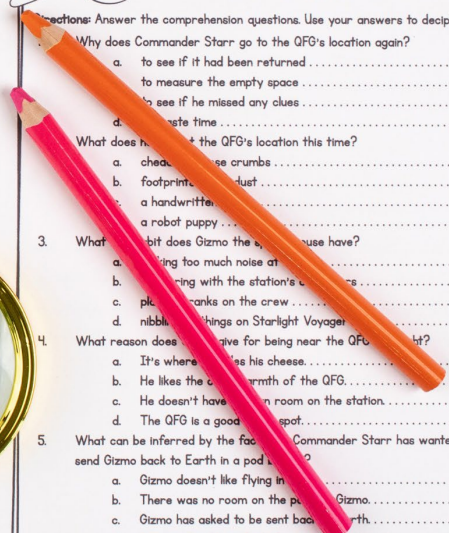
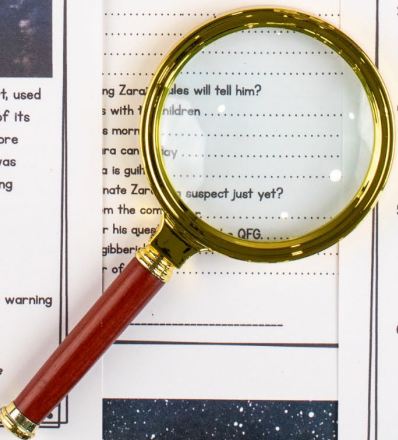
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CLUE #3: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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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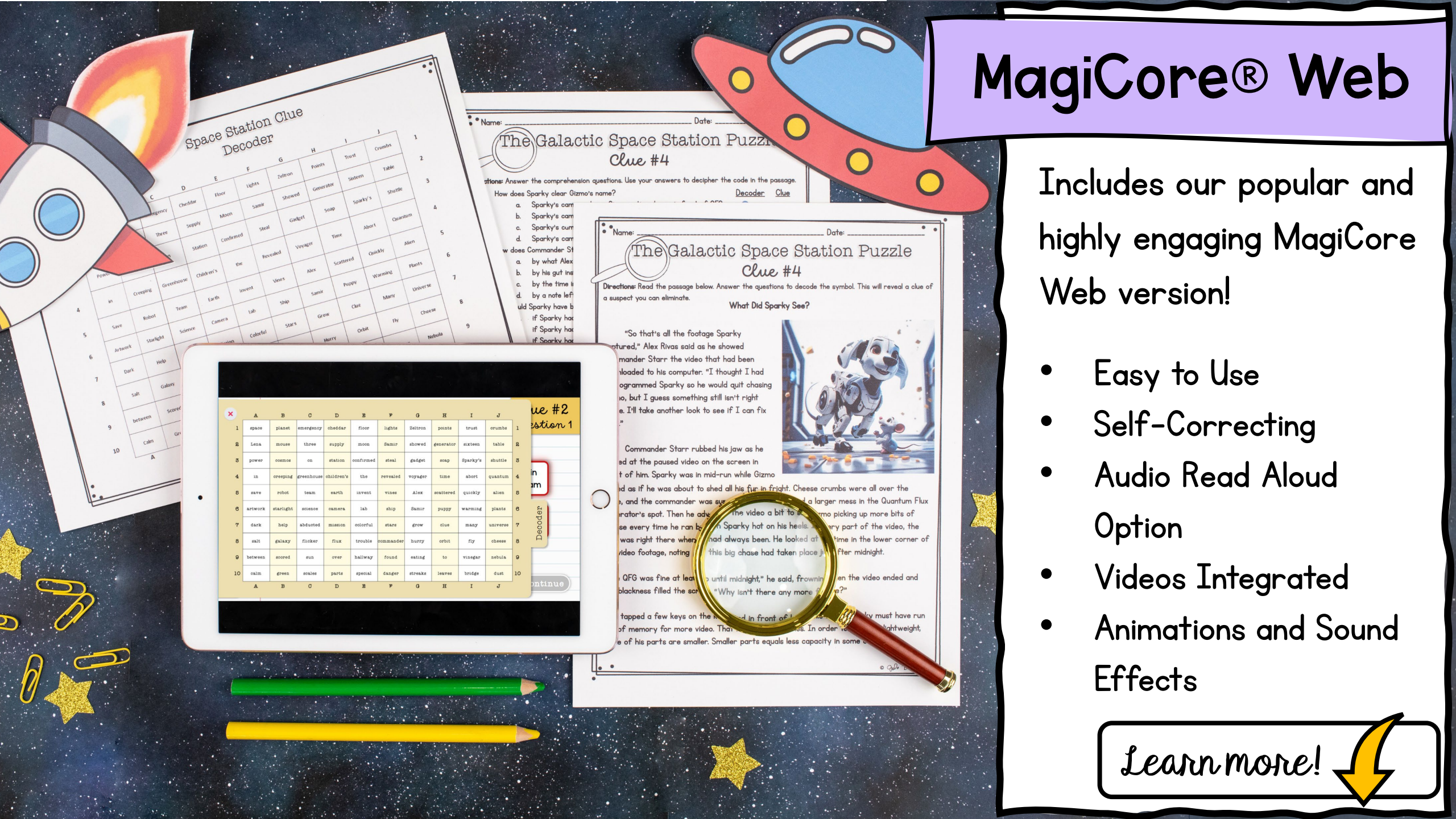


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	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	Emergency	Cheddar	Floor	lights	Zetron	Points	Trust	Crumbs	1
2	Three	Stabby	Moon	Samir	Showed	Generator	Sixteen	Table	2
3	Station	Confirmed	Steal	Gadget	Soap	Sparky's	Shuttle	3	
4	Power	Greenhouse	Children's	the	Revealed	Voyager	Time	About	4
5	In	Creeping	Greenhouse	Children's	the	Revealed	Voyager	Time	5
6	Artwork	Starlight	Science	Camera	Lab	Ship	Samir	Puppy	6
7	Dark	Help	Galaxy	between	Scored	sun	over	hallway	7
8	Salt	Galaxy	between	Scored	sun	over	hallway	found	8
9	between	Scored	sun	over	hallway	found	eating	to	9
10	Calm	Green	Snakes	Parts	Special	Danger	Streaks	Leaves	10

## The Galactic Space Station Puzzle Clue #4

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

How does Sparky clear Gizmo's name?

a. Sparky's cam  
b. Sparky's cam  
c. Sparky's cam  
d. Sparky's cam

What does Commander Starr do?  
a. by what Alex  
b. by his gut ins  
c. by the time i  
d. by a note left

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## The Galactic Space Station Puzzle Clue #4

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

What Did Sparky See?



"So that's all the footage Sparky captured," Alex Rivas said as he showed Commander Starr the video that had been loaded to his computer. "I thought I had programmed Sparky so he would quit chasing so, but I guess something still isn't right. I'll take another look to see if I can fix it."



Commander Starr rubbed his jaw as he looked at the paused video on the screen in front of him. Sparky was in mid-run while Gizmo was as if he was about to shed all his fur in fright. Cheese crumbs were all over the floor, and the commander was sure he had seen a larger mess in the Quantum Flux Generator's spot. Then he advanced the video a bit to see if he could get a better view of Sparky picking up more bits of food every time he ran by. Sparky hot on his heels. Every part of the video, the commander was right there when it had always been. He looked at the time in the lower corner of the video footage, noting that this big chase had taken place just after midnight.

"QFG was fine at least until midnight," he said, frowning as the video ended and the blackness filled the screen. "Why isn't there any more footage?"

Commander Starr tapped a few keys on the keyboard in front of him. He must have run out of memory for more video. That was the only explanation. In order to save space, the lighterweight, smaller parts of his parts are smaller. Smaller parts equals less capacity in some cases.

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# Decode Clues



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**The Galactic Space Station Puzzle**  
**Clue #2**  
Directions: Read the passage below. Answer the questions to decode the symbol. This will reveal a clue of a suspect you can eliminate.  
**Ask an Alien**

On his way back from talking to the crew members involved in last night's basketball game, Commander Starr ran into Zara, the Zeltronian. They were an alien who had been granted permission to travel aboard Starlight Voyager as part of an alien exchange program. A human was also currently participating in a similar program on a Zeltronian outpost in the Dakken Galaxy.



Zara had scales that shimmered and changed colors depending on their mood. The scales were truly a sight to behold and entertaining to watch as they shifted from indigo to blue to all the colors of an Earth rainbow and more. Zara could change at will, but when their emotions got involved, the scales altered on their own. Commander Starr had caught Zara poking around the station on many occasions, their curiosity to rein in. Every time he caught them, their scales turned a bright crimson in embarrassment. They were mostly a harmless alien, though, weren't they?

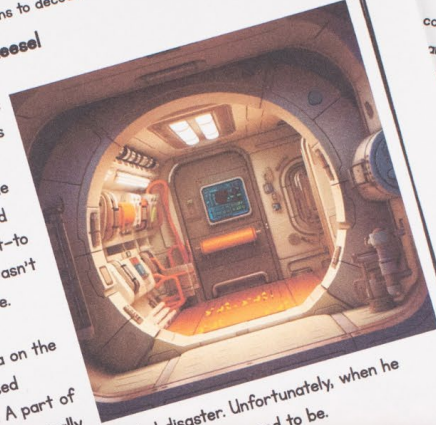
"Where were you last night, Zara?" he asked after watching them run a close call with one of the oxygen vents, no doubt curious about the air blowing out of it.

"If I don't find the QFG, there won't be air coming out of that vent for long," Commander Starr thought.

"We play children," Zara said in their trilling alien voice. "We do color show." They waved their hands. © John Baker

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**Say Cheesel**

Commander Starr would have loved to look at the children's gorgeous drawings of Zara's planet, but he had to get on his way. The longer, the better. He had to get to the QFG's location before the Flux Generator ran out and reduced the power to everyone aboard it - and everyone knew Zara wasn't the QFG's disappearance.



He had to visit the QFG area on the station again to see if he missed anything. A part of the station had been magically altered, and a potential disaster. Unfortunately, when he had been looking for the QFG, he was supposed to be there.

**Clue #3**  
**Question 1**

Why does Commander Starr go to the QFG's location again?

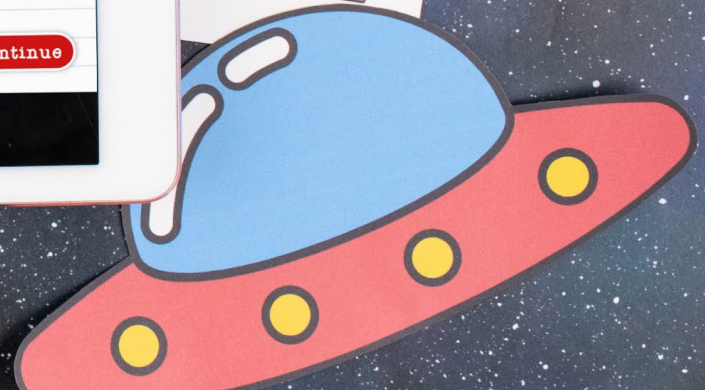
to see if it had been returned      to see if he missed any clues

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Use the decoder to find the word that corresponds to this code: **I3**

Code word: **Sparky's** **Continue**

Decoder	Clue
• = B9	
• = F1	
• = I3	
• = G10	
• = B7	
• = E5	
• = G3	
• = D8	
• = A6	
• = J3	
• = F4	
• = H7	
• = B2	
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# Eliminate Suspects

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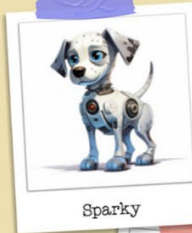
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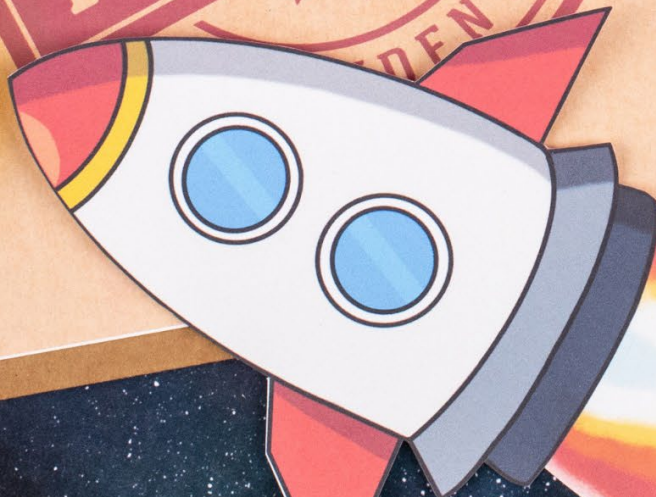


Gizmo

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

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Suspect  
List





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Commander Starr surveyed Alex Rivas' worktable in the tech lab where Sparky was in pieces. The robot puppy was unrecognizable with it completely disassembled.

"I know that Sparky's pranks get on everyone's nerves. When I heard him running

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Clue #5

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

### Reading Comprehension

4th & 5th Grade

Context Clues

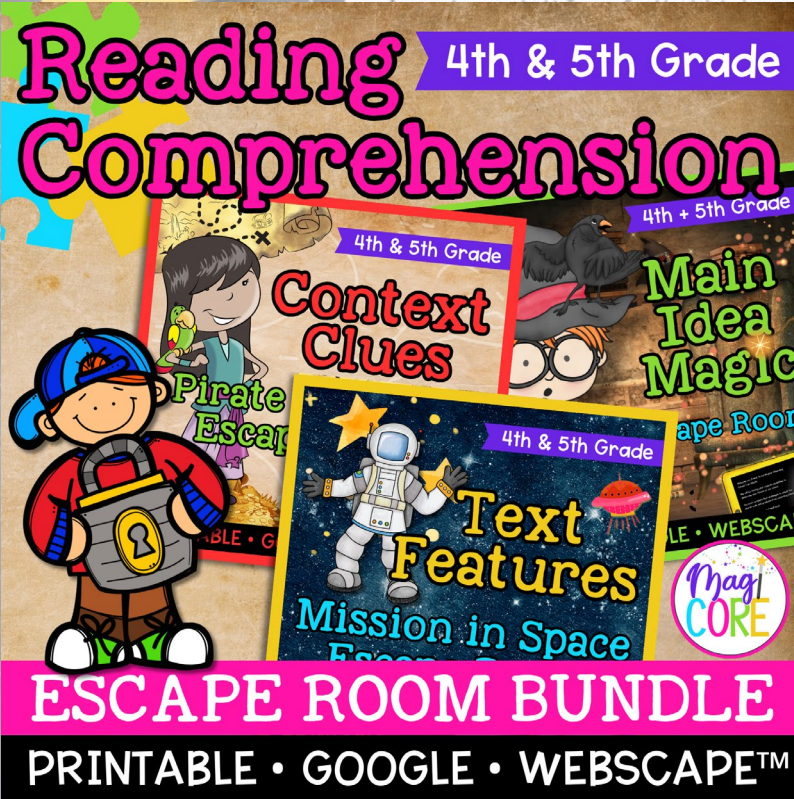
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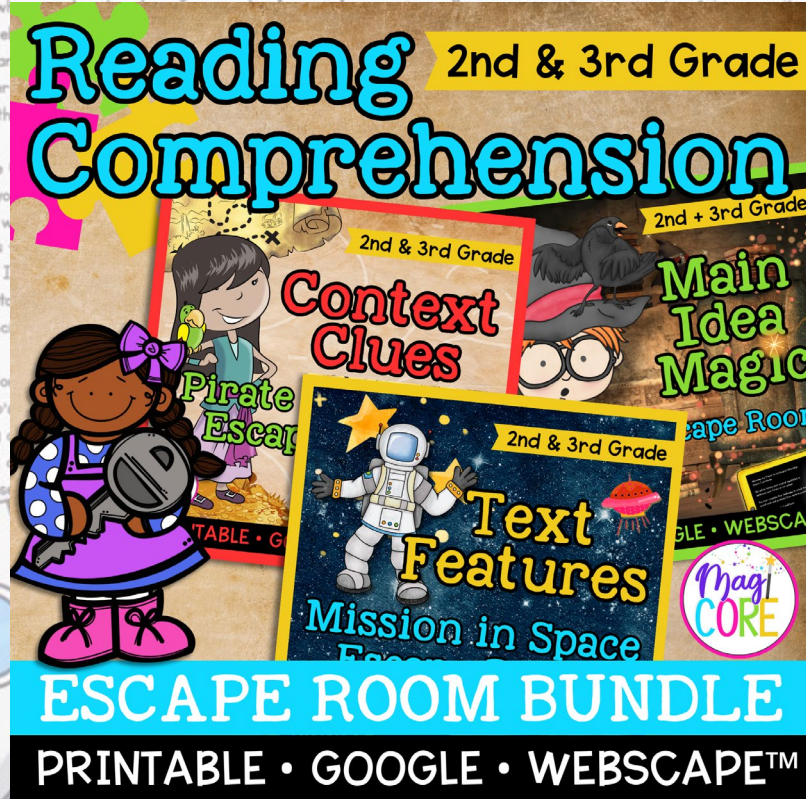
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