

Teach **BIG**

Evidence Detectives

Locate the clue, quote it exactly, and explain what it proves

THIS BOARD SUPPORTS
Text Evidence: Locate, Quote, Explain **CASE OPEN**

Grab a passage, join the detective team

 CASE SOLVED

Your evidence proved it, nice work detective

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Present your strongest piece of evidence.

24

Explain your case to a partner in one sentence.

23

Share your best quote with the group.

22

Find one more clue no one has used yet.

21

Explain how the ending solves the problem.

2

Find the sentence that tells where the story happens.

3

Sharp eyes! Found the clue fast. Spin again.

4

Find the sentence that names the main character.

5

Quote the exact line that shows how a character feels.

6

Quoted it word for word! Move ahead 1.

7

Quote the line that best answers your case.

8

*Almost quoted it, but changed a word. Go back 1.***Three Detective Moves**

-  **Locate** Find the exact clue sentence in the text.
-  **Quote** Copy the clue word for word, with quotation marks.
-  **Explain** Tell how the clue proves your answer.
-  **Case File** Draw a Clue Card for a fresh mini passage.

★ **Star spaces** are action spaces. Read them aloud and do what they say.**Spinner**

Spin a paper clip around a pencil point in the center.

**How to Play**2 to 4 detectives • a small group center
• 10 to 15 minutes

You need a paper clip, a pencil, a game piece for each player, a short text passage, and the Clue Cards.

- Everyone begins at Case Open with a shared passage. Choose a lead detective to start.
- On your turn, spin the spinner, then move that many spaces.
- Read your space aloud and complete the task using the shared passage. Star spaces move you ahead or back.
- Land on a "Draw a Clue Card" space: draw a Clue Card and solve its mini passage.
- The first detective to reach Case Solved wins. Cheer each other on.

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Explain how your quote proves your case.

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Clear explanation! Move ahead 2.

11

Explain why that detail matters to the case.

12

Trail went cold. Lose one turn, then keep digging.

13

Draw a Clue Card and read the short passage.

20

Perfect quotation marks! Move ahead 1.

19

Quote the line that shows the problem in the story.

18

A red herring! Go back 2, then keep searching.

17

Find the sentence that tells what happened first.

16

Great detective work! Spin again.

15

Draw a Clue Card. Locate the clue, then quote it.

14

Solved a Clue Card! Move ahead 2.

Clue Cards

Print, cut apart, and stack face down beside the board for Evidence Detectives

CASE FILE 1

"Maya's hands shook as she opened the letter. She had waited three weeks for this news."

Locate and quote the line that shows Maya is nervous. Explain how you know.

Clue Card · 1

CASE FILE 2

"The old bridge groaned under every step, and Sam wondered if it would hold his weight."

Locate and quote the line that shows the bridge is unsafe. Explain your evidence.

Clue Card · 2

CASE FILE 3

"Bees fly from flower to flower, carrying pollen that helps new plants grow."

Locate and quote the line that tells why bees are important. Explain what it proves.

Clue Card · 3

CASE FILE 4

"Coach Rivera blew the whistle twice, and every player froze in place."

Locate and quote the line that shows the players respect their coach. Explain why.

Clue Card · 4

CASE FILE 5

"Without rain for six weeks, the garden's soil cracked like old pavement."

Locate and quote the line that shows the garden needs water. Explain your thinking.

Clue Card · 5

CASE FILE 6

"Leo practiced his speech every night, whispering it to his goldfish until he knew it by heart."

Locate and quote the line that shows Leo worked hard. Explain what it proves about him.

Clue Card · 6