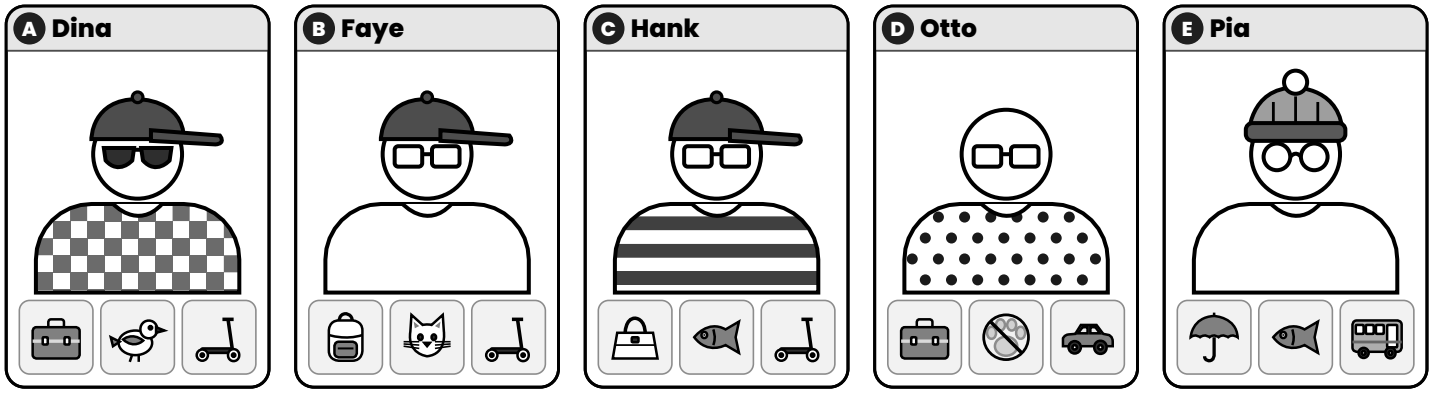
PICTURE WHODUNITS

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All 60 cases in this book are original. Every case has exactly one answer, and every clue is needed to find it. All names and events are made up.

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How to Solve a Case

Something has been taken, and exactly one of the suspects is the thief. Each card shows what that suspect wore, carried, owned and how they arrived, as clean icons. Read the clues, cross out every suspect who cannot be the thief, and the last one standing is your culprit.

The rules

- ✓ Every clue is true. There are no tricks and no lying witnesses.
- ✓ There is always exactly one thief, and you never need to guess. Every clue is needed: if a clue seems useless, look again.
- ✓ What you see on a card is all there is. If a card has no hat, that person wore no hat. An empty pet box (a crossed-out paw) means no pet.
- ✓ "Glasses of any kind" includes sunglasses. "A hat" means any of the hats.
- ✓ "Or, or both" means at least one of the two is true. "But not both" means exactly one.
- ✓ "Next to" means right beside, in the line of cards (A is next to B, B is next to A and C).
- ✓ "The same as the person who ..." always means two different people.
- ✓ In grid cases, each room had exactly one person in it. Use the grid: put an X where someone could not be, and a check mark where they must be.
- ✓ Arrival times work the same way: each hour, exactly one person arrived.

Special clues

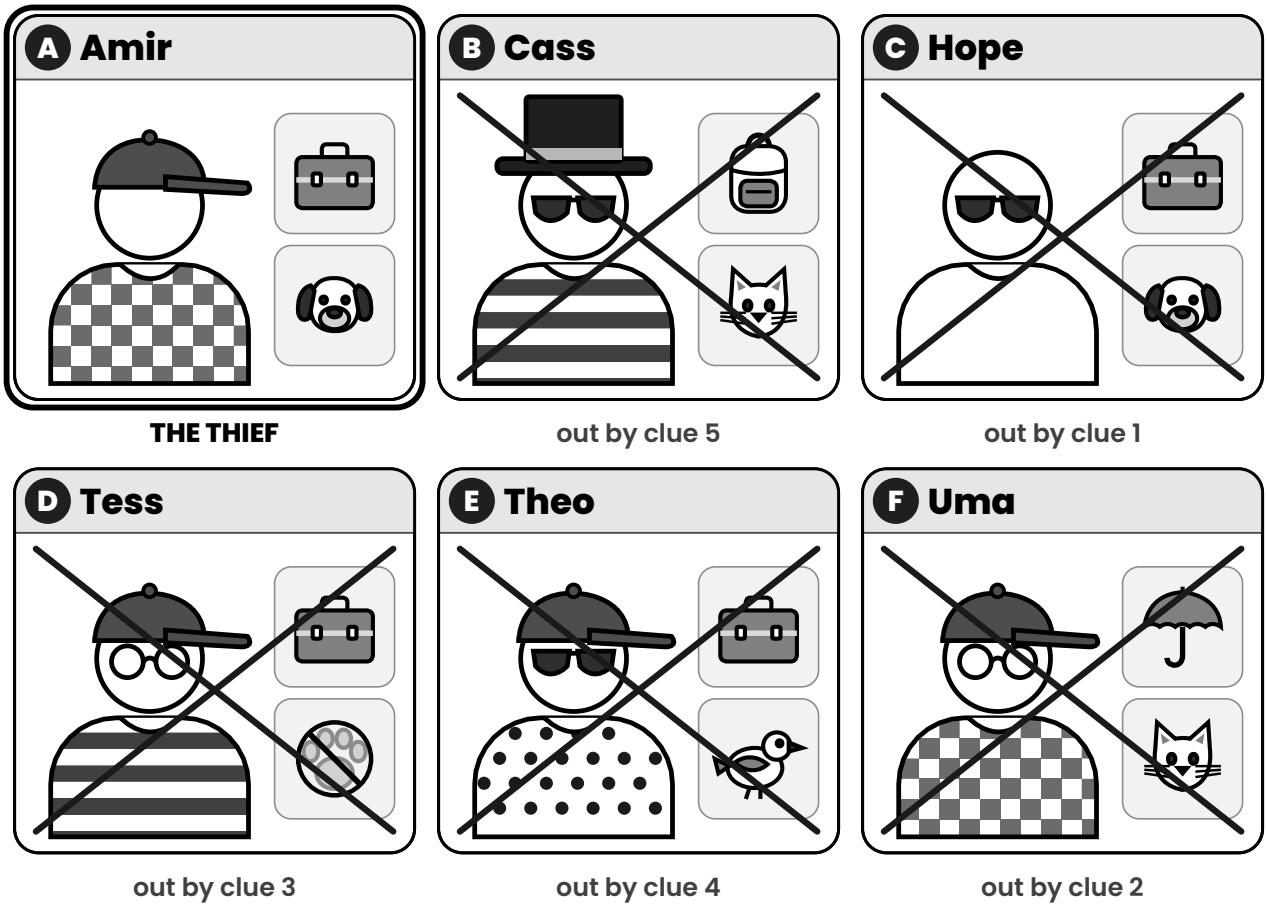
- ✓ Picture pattern: the pictures repeat in a pattern. Work out the picture that belongs in the empty box. The thief had that thing.
- ✓ Icon code: each icon stands for a letter. Swap the icons for letters to read a secret word.

The answers start on page 70. Each one shows which clue crossed out which suspect, so you can check your thinking step by step.

Sample pages

A Case Solved Together

The groom's silver cufflinks disappeared an hour before the wedding. Here are the suspects and the clues, and how they point to the thief.



1. The thief wore a hat.
2. The thief did not carry an umbrella.
3. The thief had a pet.
4. The thief did not wear a dotted shirt.
5. The thief wore a cap or wore a plain shirt, or both.

How it works

- ✓ Clue 1 rules out C.
- ✓ Clue 2 rules out F.
- ✓ Clue 3 rules out D.
- ✓ Clue 4 rules out E.
- ✓ Clue 5 rules out B.
- ✓ Only Amir (A) is left, so Amir is the thief.

Sample pages

Meet the Icons

These are all the pictures you will see on the suspect cards and in the clues.

Hat


no hat


cap


top hat


beanie

Glasses


no glasses


round glasses


square glasses


sunglasses

Shirt


plain shirt


striped shirt


dotted shirt


checked shirt

Carrying


umbrella


handbag


briefcase


backpack

Pet


no pet


dog


cat


fish


bird

Came by


bike


car


scooter

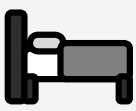

bus

Rooms


kitchen


library


garden


bedroom


music room


bathroom

Arrival times


1 o'clock


2 o'clock


3 o'clock


4 o'clock


5 o'clock

Sample pages

MEDIUM

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Cases 1 to 15

Eight suspects, six icons each: if-then clues, icon counts, codes and patterns.

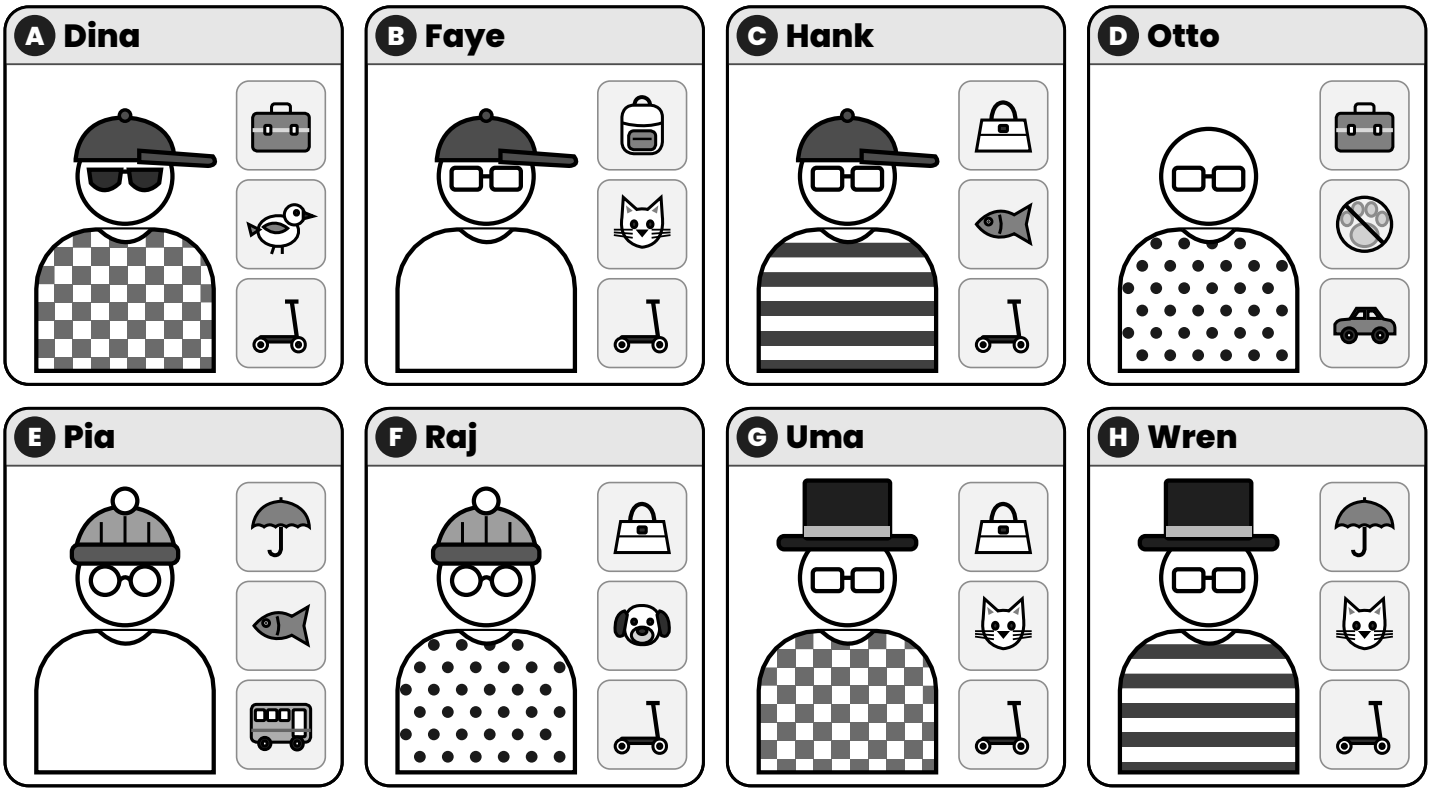
8 suspects · 5–6 clues · 5–6 solving steps

Sample pages

The Case of the Porcelain Vase

A porcelain vase was spirited away from the country house hall.

THE SUSPECTS



THE CLUES

1. The thief did not carry a backpack.
2. If the thief wore a beanie, then the thief wore square glasses.
3. The thief wore a dotted shirt or wore a cap, but not both.
4. If the thief wore a striped shirt, then the thief wore a top hat.
5. Finish the picture pattern. The missing picture shows something the thief had.

Clue 5: picture pattern

What goes in the empty box?



THE THIEF IS _____

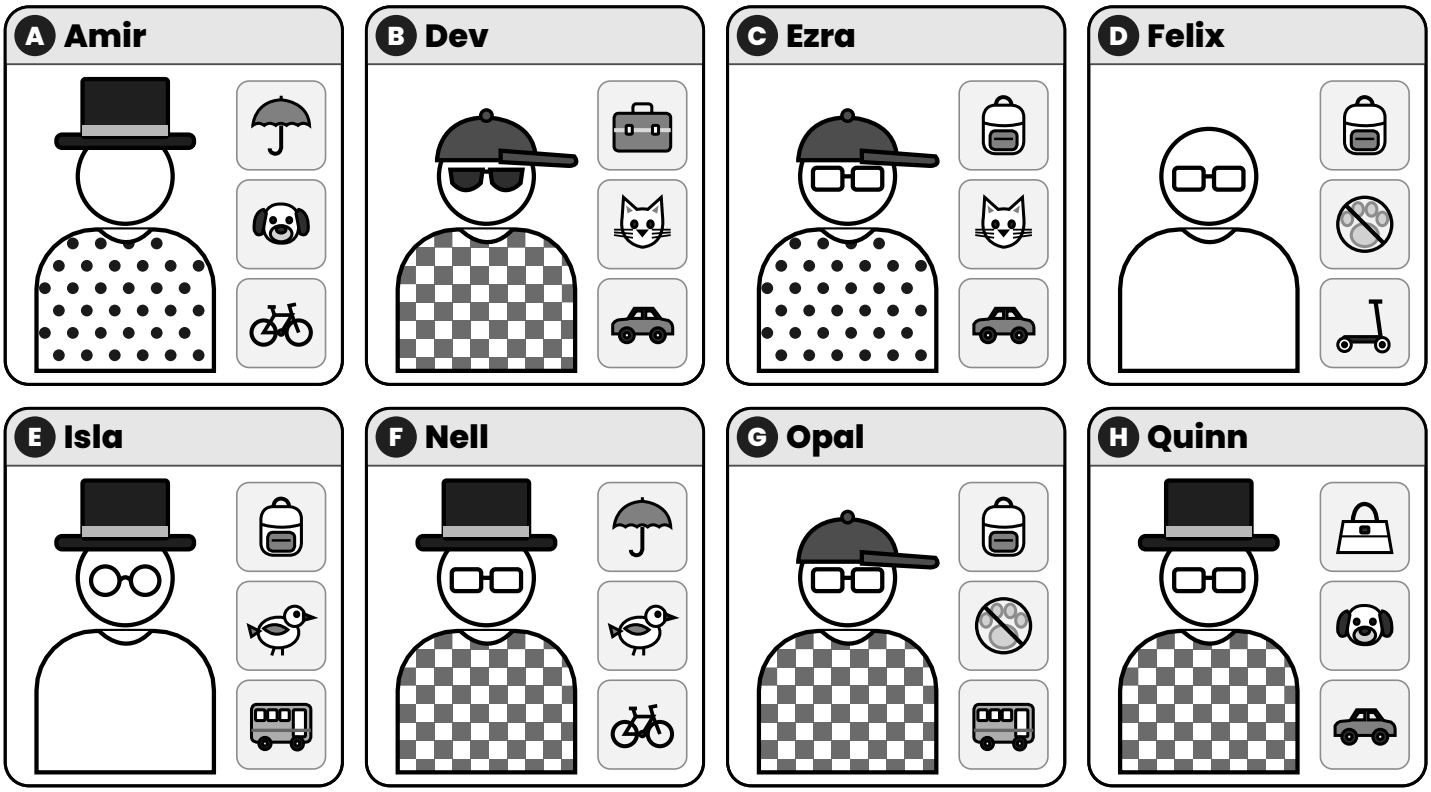
Answer on page 70

Sample pages

The Theft of the Pearl Necklace

A string of pearls disappeared from the dressing room before curtain up.

THE SUSPECTS

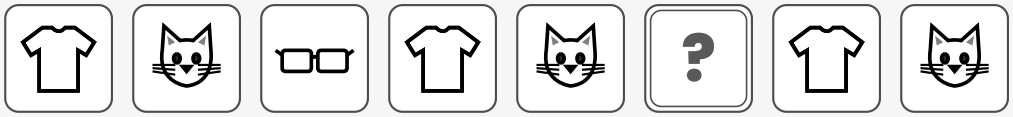


THE CLUES

1. The thief wore a hat.
2. If the thief wore a cap, then the thief wore a checked shirt.
3. The thief wore square glasses or came by bus, but not both.
4. If the thief came by bike, then the thief wore round glasses.
5. Finish the picture pattern. The missing picture shows something the thief had.

Clue 5: picture pattern

What goes in the empty box?



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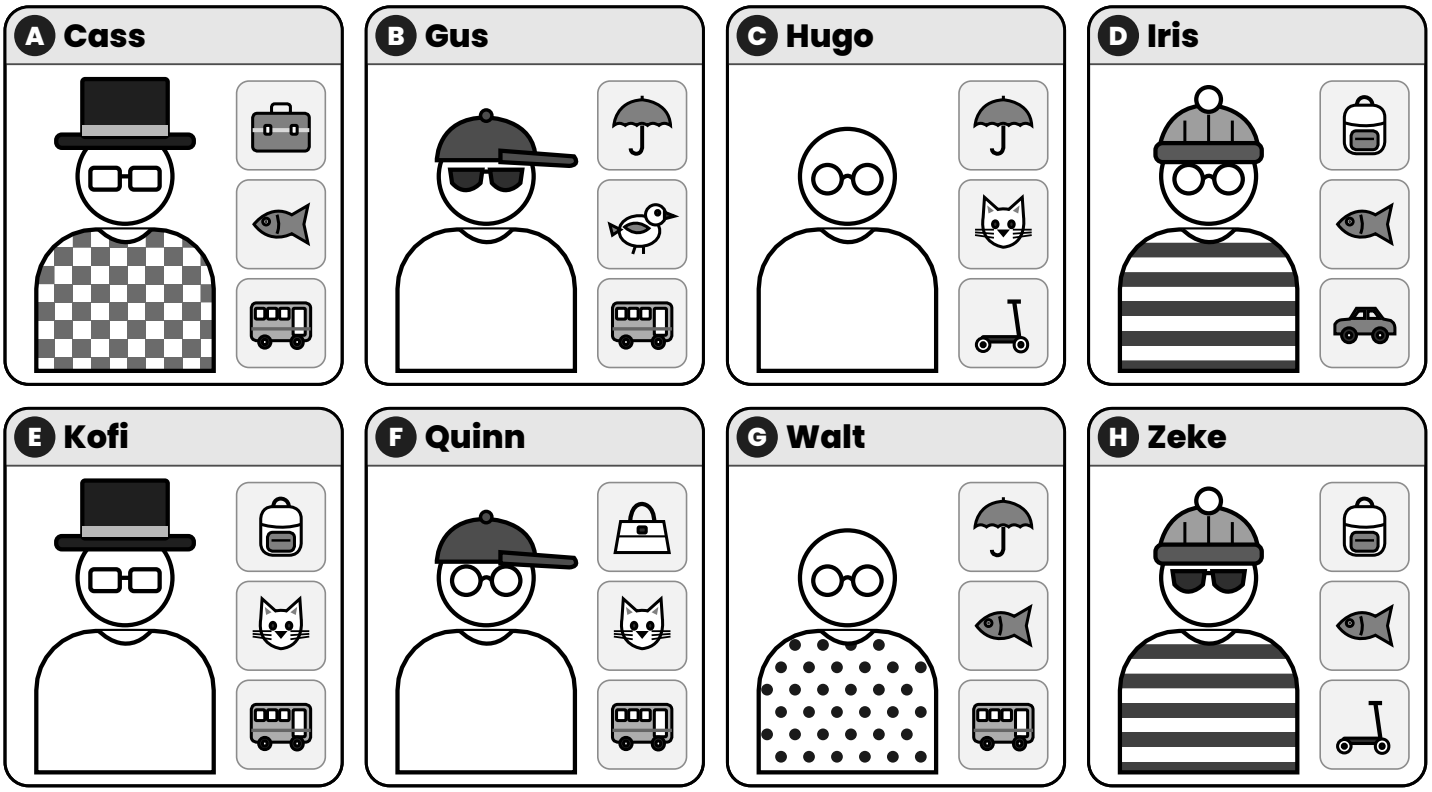
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Sample pages

The Mystery of the Love Letters

A bundle of old letters disappeared from the writing desk in the guest wing.

THE SUSPECTS



THE CLUES

1. The thief did not carry a backpack.
2. If the thief wore sunglasses, then the thief had a dog.
3. The thief carried an umbrella or wore square glasses, but not both.
4. If the thief wore round glasses, then the thief wore a plain shirt.
5. Finish the picture pattern. The missing picture shows something the thief had.

Clue 5: picture pattern

What goes in the empty box?



THE THIEF IS _____

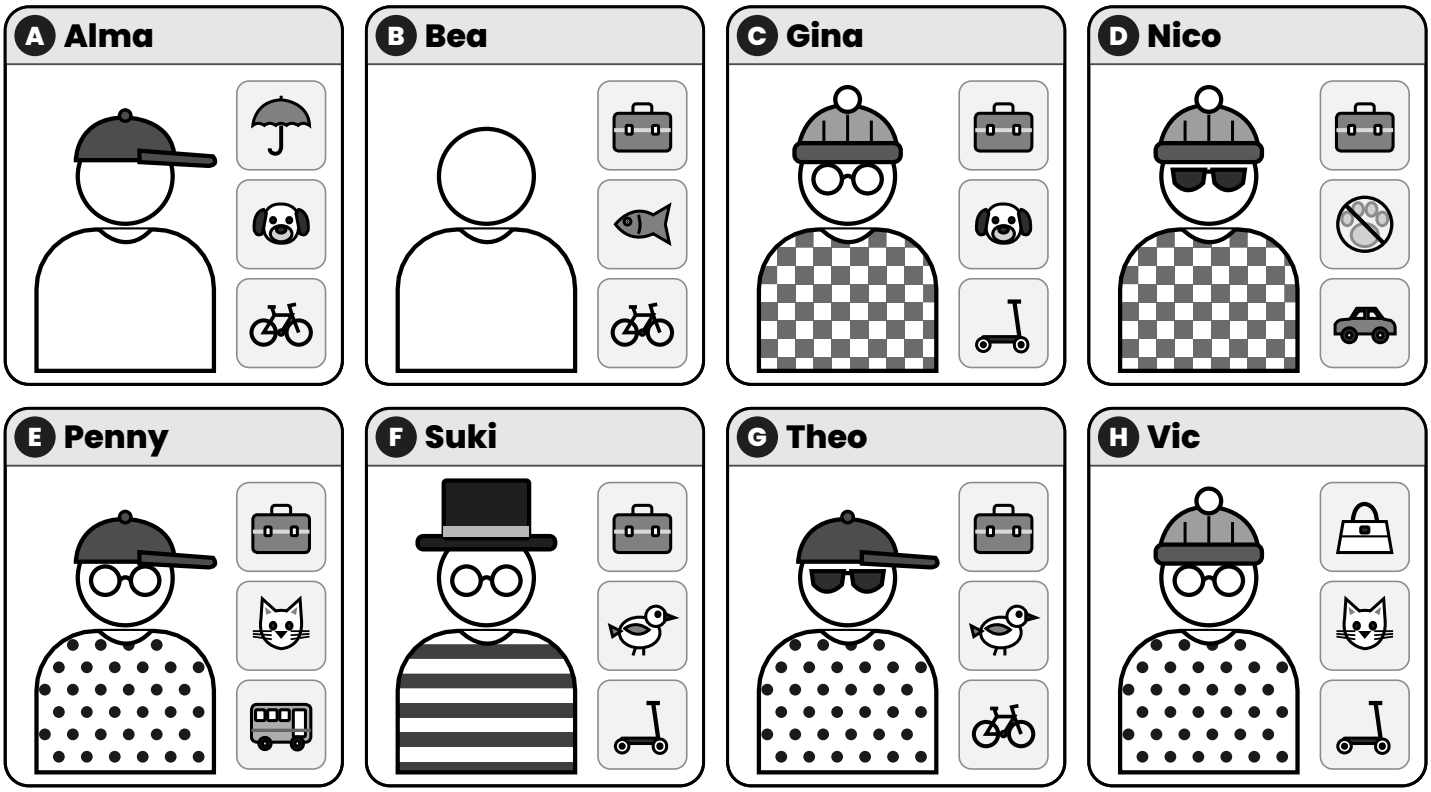
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Sample pages

The Disappearance of the Vault Key

The brass key to the hotel vault has vanished from the front desk.

THE SUSPECTS



THE CLUES

1. The thief did not wear a plain shirt.
2. If the thief wore a beanie, then the thief came by scooter.
3. The thief had exactly one of these three: a striped shirt, a briefcase, a scooter.
4. If the thief came by bus, then the thief carried a backpack.
5. Finish the picture pattern. The missing picture shows something the thief had.

Clue 5: picture pattern

What goes in the empty box?



THE THIEF IS _____

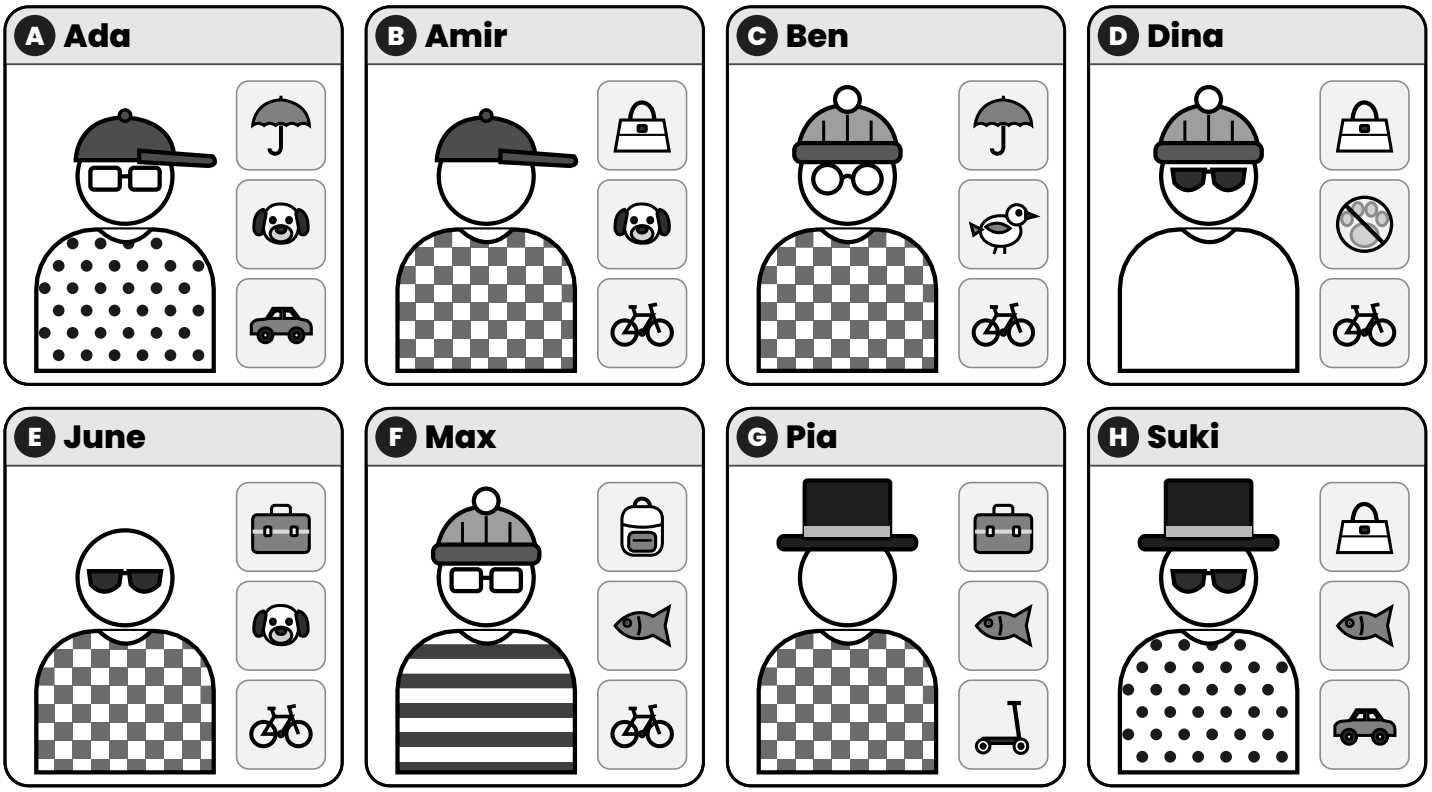
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Who Took the Brass Globe?

A brass globe was taken from the captain's study at the maritime club.

THE SUSPECTS

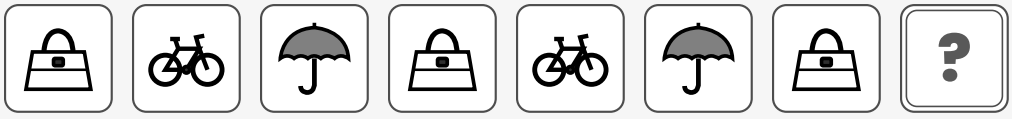


THE CLUES

1. The thief wore a hat.
2. If the thief wore round glasses, then the thief had a fish.
3. If the thief had a fish, then the thief came by scooter.
4. The thief had exactly one of these three: square glasses, a cat, a checked shirt.
5. Finish the picture pattern. The missing picture shows something the thief had.

Clue 5: picture pattern

What goes in the empty box?



THE THIEF IS _____

Answer on page 71

Sample pages