



# Nate the Great

## Write Your Own Mystery!

Part of solving a mystery is to fill in the missing pieces of the story. Invite the kids to fill in the blanks of this mystery, then read it aloud to solve the puzzle!

**Tip:** Explain what a noun, adjective, and verb are to the group.

- **Noun:** a person, place, or a thing (examples: house, doctor, monkey)
- **Adjective:** a word that describes something (examples: squishy, silly, sweet)
- **Verb:** an action word (examples: run, jump, search)

### THE CASE OF THE MISSING BOOKS

It was a dark and \_\_\_\_\_ day. \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective) (proper name)  
 the Detective had just received a/an \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective)  
 phone call from a/an \_\_\_\_\_ stranger. The  
(adjective)  
 stranger had lost a/an \_\_\_\_\_ book collection  
(adjective)  
 about ancient \_\_\_\_\_ and suspected that  
(country)  
 someone had stolen it. The detective agreed to take  
 the case and went to \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the  
(place)  
 stranger. Soon the detective was standing in front of  
 a/an \_\_\_\_\_ house with \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective) (adjective)  
 windows. He went to the front door and was greeted by  
 the stranger, who was \_\_\_\_\_ feet tall and  
(number)  
 was eating \_\_\_\_\_.  
(food)

The stranger explained that he'd carried the books with  
 him while running errands the day before.

The detective asked him a number of \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective)  
 questions:

"How many books were there?"

"Have any \_\_\_\_\_ people asked you about  
(adjective)  
 these books?"

The stranger replied, "There were \_\_\_\_\_ books  
(number)  
 and a mysterious woman called asking about the books  
 last \_\_\_\_\_. But the telephone pole outside  
(day of the week)  
 my house was hit by a flying \_\_\_\_\_ and my  
(noun)  
 phone went dead before I could find out who she was."

Then the detective looked under the \_\_\_\_\_ in  
(noun)  
 the middle of the room. He looked under the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ that the stranger kept in his refrigera-  
(noun)  
 tor. In the corner of the \_\_\_\_\_, the detective  
(room in a house)  
 found a small card with the words " \_\_\_\_\_  
(place)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY" printed at the top.  
(adjective)

"That's it!," shouted the detective. "I've solved this  
 \_\_\_\_\_ case! This card is a library card. The  
(adjective)  
 woman that called about the books was a librarian  
 reminding you to return the books by \_\_\_\_\_."  
(day of the week)

" \_\_\_\_\_!," exclaimed the stranger. "I just  
(nonsense exclamation)  
 remembered, I carried the books with me yesterday to  
 return them to the library. I was so \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective)  
 that I'd completely forgotten! Thank you very much,  
 Detective. You really are the \_\_\_\_\_!"  
(adjective)