

Reading Worksheet: Mysteries

1. Read the text below carefully, then complete the exercises that follow.

The Secret of the Old Library

In a small town called Maplewood, there stood an old library that many people avoided. Rumors swirled around it, claiming that it was haunted by the spirit of a librarian who had mysteriously disappeared decades ago. Despite the eerie tales, a group of adventurous friends—Emma, Jake, and Mia—decided to explore the library one rainy afternoon.

As they entered through the creaky wooden doors, dust motes danced in the air. The smell of old books filled their nostrils. Emma noticed something unusual—a book lay open on a table with pages fluttering as if touched by an invisible hand. Intrigued, she approached it and read aloud what was written inside.

"To uncover secrets untold," she began reading softly, "follow where shadows fold." Suddenly, they heard a faint whisper coming from behind them. Startled but curious, they turned to find an ornate key lying on the floor.

Jake picked up the key and examined it closely; it looked ancient yet well-preserved. "What do you think this opens?" he wondered aloud.

Mia suggested they search for a locked door or chest in the library that might fit this mysterious key. As they explored deeper into dusty aisles filled with forgotten stories and cobwebs overhead, fear gave way to excitement—they felt like true detectives!

After searching for what felt like hours without any luck, Emma spotted something glimmering at the end of one aisle—a small wooden box secured with a rusty padlock! Could this be what they were looking for? With bated breath and racing hearts, they approached it together...

I. Match each word with its correct definition.

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| 1) Eerie | a) To look at carefully |
| 2) Detectives | b) Strange or out of place |
| 3) Unusual | c) A device used to unlock something |
| 4) Examine | d) Old or from long ago |
| 5) Ancient | e) Secretive or difficult to understand |
| 6) Key | f) Quiet speaking sound |
| 7) Mysterious | g) People who investigate cases |
| 8) Whisper | h) Spooky or frightening |

II. Decide if these statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1.) The friends were scared to enter the library. _____
- 2.) Emma read from an open book. _____
- 3.) They found a note instead of a key. _____
- 4.) Mia proposed searching for something locked. _____
- 5.) The box was made out of glass. _____
- 6.) Jake found two keys during their search. _____
- 7.) They spent hours exploring before finding anything interesting. _____
- 8.) Everyone felt like detectives during their adventure. _____

III. Answer each question based on your understanding of the text:

- 1). What did people in Maplewood think about the old library?
- 2). Who are three main characters in this story?
- 3). What did Emma read from inside the open book?
- 4). How did Jake contribute when he found something on the floor?
- 5). What suggestion did Mia make regarding their discovery?
- 6). Describe how long Emma's group searched without finding anything significant.
- 7). Where did Emma spot something glimmering towards story's end?
- 8). How does this adventure make them feel?

IV. Fill in each blank using words related to mysteries:

memories **mysteries** **thrilling** **clues** **mystery**
eerie **hidden** **adventures**

- 1.). The atmosphere became _____ as night fell around them .
- 2.). They needed more _____ to solve this puzzle .
- 3.). Every corner held its own hidden _____ waiting to be revealed .
- 4.). Some secrets are better left _____ than uncovered too soon .
- 5.). Exploring unknown places can lead us into _____ situations sometimes .

6.). Curiosity often drives young minds toward thrilling _____.

7.). It's not every day you stumble upon such an exciting _____.

8). Friends who solve mysteries together create lasting _____ .

V. Write your thoughts!

Imagine you were part of Emma's team exploring that mysterious library. Describe your emotions during your adventure (6-8 lines) using details from both your experiences and ideas presented throughout our reading activities!