

**ACTIVITY:** Read the case, then follow and answer step by step to solve the mystery.

## CASE FILE A:

Tonight is the big Talent Show in the Enchanted Forest. The Gingerbread Man is ready to sing, but he is crying icing tears. His famous Purple Gumdrop Buttons are missing! He cannot perform without them. Shrek and Donkey investigate the crime scene. They don't see the Big Bad Wolf. Instead, they see two human children, a brother and a sister, hiding behind a candy tree. They look very hungry and have cookie crumbs on their faces. They usually eat houses made of candy, but today they wanted gumdrops. The boy is holding a map to a Witch's house."



### 1. STEP 1: Gather Evidence (Vocabulary)

Match the words with the correct definition. Draw a line.

**icing**

- Small pieces of bread or cookie that fall off.

**perform**

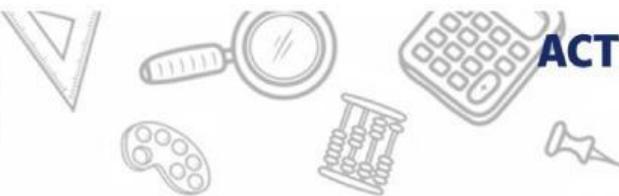
- A sweet decoration for cakes and cookies.

**witness**

- To act, sing, or dance in front of people.

**crumbs**

- A person who sees a crime happen.



## 2. STEP 2: Crime Scene Analysis (True or False)

Read the story again and circle T (True) or F (False).

- a) The Gingerbread Man lost his red hat. .... T  / F
- b) Shrek and Donkey are the detectives. .... T  / F
- c) The suspects are hiding inside a house. .... T  / F
- d) The suspects have crumbs on their faces. .... T  / F



## 3. STEP 3: The Interrogation (Unscramble the Clues)

*The suspects are confused! Put the words in the correct order to find out who they are.*

**SISTER / AND / BROTHER / A / A**

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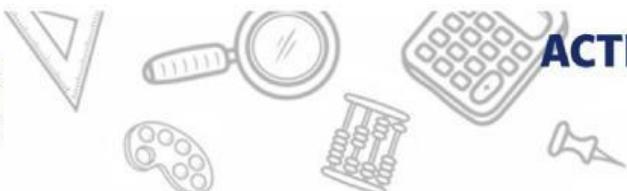
**CANDY / EAT / THEY / LIKE / TO**



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**SUSPECTS / THE / MAP / HAVE / THE / FOREST / A / OF**





#### 4. STEP 4: Case Closed (Final Verdict)

*Complete the final report.*

- Who stole the buttons?

- Why did they do it? (Check one)

Because they hate music.

Because they were hungry.

Because they wanted money.

