

## **WORKSHEETS THAT REQUIRE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STORY**

### **ANSWERS FOR TEACHERS**

#### **MYSTERY MAZE**

If a worksheet does not appear in the list below, it is 'generic' in its requirements, calling on children's general basic skills, without specific reference to the story. In other words, a teacher will know what the correct answer is without having read the story at all.

#### **THE BATTERED BULLY**

##### **Worksheet 1 - Crossword**

Across

1. ARCHERY
2. MARSHALL
4. EVIDENCE
6. MYSTERIOUS
9. ENEMIES
11. INVESTIGATE
13. BRADLEY

Down

1. COURTYARD
3. SALLY
4. EARWIGS
5. REVENGE
7. KAYAKING
8. SILENT
10. HOUSE
12. MOTIVE

#### **THE FOOL FAILS**

##### **Worksheet 1 - Do the Detective Work**

- a) Suspects: Brad, Shane, Ron, Jenny.
- b) Alibis: -Bradley had a bandaged hand due to a broken finger, he could not write.  
-Jennifer said she wouldn't do a thing like that, and that she could spell Mr. Farleys' name correctly (it was misspelt on the board)  
-Ron doesn't know how to use exclamation marks and failed the punctuation test.  
-Shane can't draw to save his life.
- d) Suspicious: -the cleaner – the only one in the room after everyone left.

- Ron - sat in front of the teacher with his eyes down.
- Shane - stood in front of the teacher rubbing his hands together nervously.
- Brad & Shane – are both bad spellers.
- Brad & Jenny – are both good drawers.
- Jenny – her face was white and she was almost ready to cry. She was really ‘cut up’, and said it was unfair being the only girl kept in.

The culprit was Jenny.

## **CRYING IN THE DARK**

### **Worksheet 1 - Lost Property Procedure**

Six things they did to try to find information-

- they rang the radio station
- they looked in the paper for an ad saying “lost dog”
- they asked their neighbours if they knew of anyone with a white poodle
- they rang the dog pound
- they looked at the notices in the supermarket
- they took the little dog with them and walked around the neighbourhood hoping that someone would recognise him

## **TIME TO OWN UP**

### **Worksheet 1 - You Need an Alibi**

<b>CHARACTERS</b>	<b>ALIBIS</b>
Jerry	Went to the movies, then bed, the landlady would have heard him come & go as her room is below his.
Frank	Wrote an assignment, phoned his mother, read a book, went to bed & listened to a radio program ‘Midnight to Dawn’; he knew what was playing.
Rick	Was not in the neighbourhood, he was staying with his girlfriends’ family.
Simon	Was out visiting friends between eleven o’clock and midnight, he came home and surfed the internet for almost an hour. He checked his watch at twelve fifteen when he heard someone else come in.

## **RUN, ROGER, RUN**

### **Worksheet 1 – Portrait of a Rat**

Rats are clever animals that make good pets.  
 They can learn fast and be trained to do things.  
 Rats have strong teeth with which can gnaw through things.

They normally live in strong metal cages that cannot be gnawed through. The bottom of the cage is solid metal covered in sawdust & wood shavings, which are changed fortnightly.

They run around in their cage, sniffing & looking out.

Rats push the sawdust from the bottom of their cages around.

They make nests out of the wood shavings, where they go to hide.

They are fed twice a day.

Rats like eating lettuce, carrots and special pellets from the pet shop.

They hold the food in their little front paws, and hide some in their nests for later.

Rats like to be held gently, and patted.

Rats are often most active at night, eating their food, drinking water & exercising on exercise wheels etc.

They often like to escape and find things to gnaw though and hide in.

## **Worksheet 2 – Suspicious Suspects**

CHARACTER	MOTIVE	ALIBI
Peter	No motive	
Jenny	Jealousy, she would rather Roger as a pet than Billy her budgie.	Mum hadn't heard her sleepwalking or taking Roger.
Jimmy	Loves Roger, likes to hold him, is fascinated by him. He has learnt to open the cage.	He had been in bed with mum & dad.
Mum		

Roger had let himself out of the cage; he had seen everyone else do it and was capable of pushing the door open. Rogers' teeth marks were on the clothes peg, which held his door closed.

## **THE FANCY DRESS FIEND**

### **Worksheet 1 – Who Wore That?**

GUESTS	COSTUMES
Dean	Devil
Ellie	Queen Elizabeth
Paul	Pirate
Claire	Cinderella
Jimmy	Indiana Jones
Brooke	Big bird
Danny	Dracula
Tina	Tinkerbell
Billy	Cowboy
Sarah	Snow White

### **Worksheet 3 - Mysteriously Missing Meanings**

1. Shambles
2. Full volume
3. Miserable
4. Marty
5. Jealousy
6. Wet; Towel
7. Pistol; Wand; Billy; Tina
8. Eight thirty
9. Tomato sauce
10. Culprit
11. Marvin; Magician