

GRAMMAR SPY™

Grammar Detective Challenge #001

The Missing Homework Mystery

 Detective Case File |  Evidence Collection |  10 Grammar Mistakes to Uncover

Students must uncover 10 grammar mistakes to solve the mystery.

- **Grade Level:** 6–10
- **Perfect for:** ELL, ESL, ELD, Intervention, and General Education
- **Theme:** Grammar Detective Investigation
- **Time:** 10–15 minutes

Perfect for Bell Ringers, Warm-Ups, ELL Support, Intervention, and Review.



CASE FILE #001

YOUR MISSION

Read the witness statement below carefully. Find and correct ALL 11 grammar mistakes hidden in the text.



Witness Statement

Yesterday I go to school early because I wants to finish my homework. When I arrive, my friend were looking for his math notebook. He don't know where it was. We searches the classroom together but we doesn't find anything. Later the teacher tell us someone leave a notebook in the library. My friend was very happy because he finded it before class start.



DETECTIVE DIRECTIONS

1. Read the witness statement carefully
2. Circle or underline each grammar mistake you find
3. Write the mistake and correction in the Evidence Tracker below
4. Count your total mistakes found
5. Check your Detective Score!



Evidence Tracker

#	Mistake Found	Correction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

 Your Detective Score

Mistakes Found	Detective Rank	Badge
0-3	Rookie Detective	
4-7	Junior Detective	
8-9	Senior Detective	
11	Master Grammar Detective	

 **Detective Tip: Read the statement out loud. Sometimes your ears can catch mistakes your eyes miss!**



CONFIDENTIAL ANSWER KEY

✓ Grammar Mistakes & Corrections

#	Mistake	Correction	Grammar Rule
1	go	went	Past tense verb
2	wants	wanted	Past tense verb
3	arrive	arrived	Past tense verb
4	were	was	Subject-verb agreement (singular)
5	don't	didn't	Past tense negative
6	searches	searched	Past tense verb
7	doesn't	didn't	Past tense negative
8	tell	told	Irregular past tense
9	leave	left	Irregular past tense
10	finded	found	Irregular past tense
11	start	started	Past tense verb



Teacher Notes

Skills Practiced:

- **Past Tense Verbs (Regular & Irregular)**
- **Subject-Verb Agreement**
- **Negative Verb Forms**

Sentence Editing & Proofreading



Suggested Uses

- **Bell Ringer or Do Now activity**
- **Exit Ticket for quick assessment**
- **Small Group Intervention**
- **Partner or peer editing practice**
- **Emergency Sub Plans**
- **Grammar Review Station**
- **Homework or independent practice**



Estimated Time: 10–15 minutes



Grouping: Individual, Partner, or Small Group



GRAMMAR DETECTIVE AWARD



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This certifies that:

**Successfully solved
Grammar Detective Challenge #001
The Missing Homework Mystery**

Awarded the rank of:

MASTER GRAMMAR DETECTIVE



Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

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