



**The
Detective
Dog**

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The Detective Dog

Name _____

Circle the correct ending for each sentence.

1. Detective Dog Nell solved crime after...

a while.

crime.

noon.

2. Mr Jones was the children's...

teacher.

father.

driver.

3. Nell started sniffing and found the...

food.

water.

cap.

4. The dog ran and the children...

cried.

followed.

waited.

Draw a line to match the sentence beginnings and endings.

They came to a...

looked sad.

The book thief...

fence with a gate.

Nell led everyone...

library card.

Ted got a...

to the library.

Detective Dog Nell...

enjoys all the books.

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Name _____

Put in the missing words.

cap	wooden	find	reading
library	hear	Ted	school

Nell lived with Peter. She could sniff and sniff and always
_____ things. Each Monday she went to school to
_____ the children read. One Monday all the books
had gone from the _____. Nell sniffed a
_____ left by the thief and she raced away down the
street. They went past the farm, the zoo and into a wood. At a
gate in an old _____ fence Nell stopped. They had
found the book thief _____. _____, the
book thief, said he was sorry and Detective Dog Nell led everyone
to the _____. Now Ted has a library card and he can
borrow books to read in his little back yard.

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Name _____

Circle the word that has the same meaning.

yelled

spoke

asked

called

shouted

sack

can

bag

box

pot

bowl

dish

mug

cup

jug

discover

help

lose

find

win

sofa

lounge

bed

chair

stool

two

none

one

many

both

thrilling

easy

exciting

dull

large

field

wall

fence

paddock

river

wood

creek

trees

hill

stone

Write two synonyms for these words.

stopped

raced

terribly

many

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Name _____

Match the words from the word bank with the rhyming words.

found	news	cry	speed	neater	ear
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sigh	
lead	
here	

Peter	
ground	
clues	

Choose rhyming partners from the words above and use them in a sentence.
Then draw a picture.



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Name _____

Make your own illustrations for these parts of the story.

Nell playing at home.

Children at school.

Nell on the street.

Ted reading at home.

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Name _____

Write as many words as you can using the letters from the word undergrowth.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Find the answers to the clues from the book.

1. He steals things. _____ **f**

2. Not right. _____ **w**

3. It has eight legs. _____ **d**

4. Earth is one. _____ **l**

Add a letter to each word and read the clue to make a new word.

1.	hair
2.	own
3.	grave
4.	rail
5.	round

Something you sit on.	
The opposite of up.	
Lots of little stones.	
A track.	
A place where plants grow.	