Money Clue Crew

CASE OPEN

Ages 4-7 • Look carefully. Follow the clues. Explain your discovery.



9 LITTLE CASES TO CRACK

Picture puzzles, clues, patterns and money mysteries.

DETECTIVE NAME: _____

LOOK **LINK** **CHECK**

Grown-ups: Read the clues aloud. Let children point, trace, circle, draw or explain. No speed or score is needed. All shop amounts are fictional Canadian dollars with no extra tax or fees. Coins are learning illustrations. Answers: pages 11-12.

The Mystery Coin

USE CLUES Read BOTH clues. Circle the one choice that fits them together.

TWO CLUES

Clue 1: I am ONE coin.

Clue 2: I am worth TWO dollars.

A



B



C



Point to the clue that rules out choice C.

Try a new clue aloud: “I am two coins worth $2 altogether.” Which choice fits now?

What Does “Two for $3” Mean?

FIND INFO

A shop sign should tell you what you get AND what it costs.

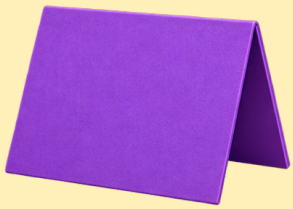
SIGN A

2 FOR $3



SIGN B

2 APPLES
FOR $3



1. Which sign tells you the item? A / B

2. On sign B, $3 buys how many apples? _____

3. What question would help with sign A?

“Two of what?”

“Where is the moon?”

A good detective notices missing information.

Whose Receipt Is It?

MATCH CLUES

Nia bought ONE apple and ONE water bottle. Circle her receipt.



APPLE $1



WATER $2

RECEIPT A

Apple $1
Water $2
Total $3

RECEIPT B

Ball $4
Total $4

1. Which TWO item names helped you decide?

Check the items as well as the amount.

Find the Plan That Fits

PICK

Sam wants a book AND an apple. Sam has $5. The book costs $3; the apple costs $1.

PLAN A




$3 + $1

PLAN B




$4 + $1

1. Which plan has BOTH items Sam wanted? A / B

2. That plan costs $_____.

3. Sam has $_____ left from $5.

Detective tip: Having enough money is only one clue.
The plan must also match the stated goal.

The Mixed-Up Price Tags

SOLVE

Use the clues to put $1, $2 and $3 on the right items. Use each price once.

PRICE CLUES

1. The apple has the lowest price.
2. The book costs $1 more than the apple.
3. The ball costs more than the book.

BALL



$____

APPLE



$____

BOOK



$____

Check: Do all three clues work with your price tags?

You can use paper tags to move the prices around before writing.

The Picture Pattern Path

TRACE

Start at the top-left book. Follow BOOK → WATER → BOOK → WATER → BOOK.

Move up, down or across, one square at a time.
Finish at the bottom-right book. Avoid the other pictures.

START



FINISH

Count the squares on your path, including start and finish: _____

Fact or Someone’s Favourite?

CHECK IT

A price can be checked on a sign. A favourite is someone’s own preference.

CLUE A



“This ball costs $4.”

CIRCLE: PRICE / FAVOURITE

CLUE B



“This is my favourite book.”

CIRCLE: PRICE / FAVOURITE

Could two people have different favourite books? YES / NO

Talk: A favourite does not prove what everyone else should buy.

Look, Cover, Solve!

REMEMBER

Look at the three prices. Then cover the top panel with a sheet of paper.



$1



$3



$4

COVER THE PANEL ABOVE. TRY THE CLUES.

1. Which item cost $3? _____

2. Which item cost the most? _____

3. How much was the apple? $_____

Uncover and check.
It is fine to look again!



Make a Case for Someone

DRAW

Create a picture mystery for a grown-up or friend. Include everything they need.

ITEM A

PRICE: $ _____

ITEM B

PRICE: $ _____

Give each item a DIFFERENT price from $1 to $5.

MY CLUE: “I cost less than the other item.”

My mystery answer is: A / B. Circle one.

Cover your answer. Ask someone to solve your mystery.
Then explain which price clue helped.

Clue Crew Answers

CASE NOTES

Pages 2-6 • Use all the clues before choosing.

2 / The Mystery Coin

B fits both clues: one $2 coin. C is worth $2 but contains two coins. For the new clue, C fits.

3 / What Does “Two for $3” Mean?

1. Sign B. 2. Two apples. 3. Ask “Two of what?” Sign A does not identify the item.

4 / Whose Receipt Is It?

Receipt A. The matching item names are apple and water. They cost $3 altogether. Receipt B lists a different purchase.

5 / Find the Plan That Fits

Plan A has the book and apple Sam wanted. It costs $4 and leaves $1. Plan B is affordable but does not match the two wanted items.

6 / The Mixed-Up Price Tags

Ball $3. Apple $1. Book $2. The apple is lowest, the book is $1 more, and the ball is higher than the book.

Detective move:
Say which clue helped you rule a choice out.



More Case Notes

CHECK

Pages 7-10 • Explain the clue, not just the answer.

7 / The Picture Pattern Path

Right → down → down → right. The path visits five squares: top-left book, top-middle water, centre book, bottom-middle water, bottom-right book.

8 / Fact or Someone's Favourite?

A: PRICE. B: FAVOURITE. YES, people can have different favourite books. A preference is not proof that everyone else will like the item.

9 / Look, Cover, Solve!

1. The book cost $3. 2. The ball cost the most ($4). 3. The apple cost $1. Looking again is welcome.

10 / Make a Case for Someone

Personal pictures and prices. Each price should be $1-$5 and different from the other. The correct mystery answer is the item with the lower price.



I can notice.
I can compare.
I can explain
my thinking.