



# Nate the Great

## Write Your Own Mystery!

Part of solving a mystery is filling in the missing pieces of the story. Invite kids to fill in the blanks of this mystery. Then read it aloud to solve the puzzle!

**Tip:** Explain what a noun, adjective, and verb are to the group.

- **Noun:** a person, place, or a thing (examples: house, doctor, monkey)
- **Adjective:** a word that describes something (examples: squishy, silly, sweet)
- **Verb:** an action word (examples: run, jump, search)

### THE CASE OF THE MISSING BOOKS

It was a dark and \_\_\_\_\_ day. \_\_\_\_\_ the Detective had just received a/an \_\_\_\_\_ phone call from a/an \_\_\_\_\_ stranger. The stranger had lost a/an \_\_\_\_\_ book collection about ancient \_\_\_\_\_ and suspected that someone had stolen it. The detective agreed to take the case and went to \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the stranger. Soon the detective was standing in front of a/an \_\_\_\_\_ house with \_\_\_\_\_ windows. He went to the front door and was greeted by the stranger, who was \_\_\_\_\_ feet tall and was eating \_\_\_\_\_.

The stranger explained that he'd carried the books with him while running errands the day before.

The detective asked him a number of \_\_\_\_\_ questions:

"How many books were there?"

"Have any \_\_\_\_\_ people asked you about these books?"

The stranger replied, "There were \_\_\_\_\_ books, and a mysterious woman called asking about them last \_\_\_\_\_. But the light pole outside my house was hit by a flying \_\_\_\_\_ and my phone went dead before I could find out who she was."

Then the detective looked under the \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the room. He looked under the \_\_\_\_\_ that the stranger kept in his refrigerator. In the corner of the \_\_\_\_\_, the detective found a small card with the words " \_\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY" printed at the top.

"That's it," shouted the detective. "I've solved this \_\_\_\_\_ case! This card is a library card. The woman who called about the books was a librarian reminding you to return the books by \_\_\_\_\_."

" \_\_\_\_\_!" exclaimed the stranger. "I just remembered, I carried the books with me yesterday to return them to the library. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I completely forgot! Thank you very much, Detective. You really are the \_\_\_\_\_!"

