

The Mystery of Autoplane 500

Name _____

A good investigator must be good at mapping out the problem, the suspects, and the clues. Organize your thoughts about *The Mystery of Autoplane 500* below.

The Mystery _____

Suspect



Clue

Suspect



Clue

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Clue

The Solution _____



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Draw a line to match the start of the sentence on the left to the correct ending on the right.

A computer malfunction

His wife, Jo Hart, was the brains

I think I will need to

A rescue squad was coming

Lou May was the only female chief

My paper needed a follow-up story

There seems to be a strange buzzing sound

coming from the carving.

for the afternoon edition.

of airport rescue in the
country.

caused the accident.

behind Autoplane 500.

talk to you again.

in from another airport.

What do these words mean?

investigate

malfunction

tampered

A hyperbole is an exaggeration. For example, "I've done it a thousand times."

Write the meanings of these hyperboles:

I nearly died laughing.

I was hopping mad.



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Link to Self

Think of something that has happened to you that this book reminds you of. For example, it may remind you of a time you went to the airport, or perhaps you have been on a plane.

Link to World

Think of something from this book that reminds you of something that you have seen in the newspaper or a magazine, or that you have seen on television, the Internet, etc.

Link to Text

Think of something else you have read or viewed that reminds you of this book or something from this book.



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This story follows a logical sequence. A mystery will begin with the problem, and clues and suspects will evolve along the way. Finally the main character will solve the case. Add details to how this mystery was constructed.

The event that begins the investigation

The clues and suspects emerge.

The investigator solves the mystery and shares details of the crime with others.



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Think about how you felt as you read this story. The author carefully chose characters, words, and events to make the reader feel a certain way.

1. Were you confident that Violet Wong was going to be a good investigator? Give reasons.

2. The way this book was written helped you see the characters in a certain way. Find words in the story that were used to describe the suspects.

3. Look at the illustrations on the pages below. How did the illustrator make the characters in each illustration look suspicious?

Page 9

Page 13

Page 22

5. Who did you trust in this story? Give reasons.

7. As you learned more about the suspects, was there someone you suspected more than the others? Explain.

8. Look at Violet in the illustrations. It is only at the end that she smiles. Why is Violet portrayed in a serious light through this book? How might you think differently of her if she were laughing in each illustration?



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Multiple Intelligences (visual-spatial, verbal-linguistic)

Design a car that runs automatically. You will need to work out how it can start itself, brake, and accelerate (increase speed). It will need to be able to sense when to stop and when to go.

Think of a name for your car and sketch it below. Add labels to show all the special features. Record details about how it works on the lines below.

Operating details



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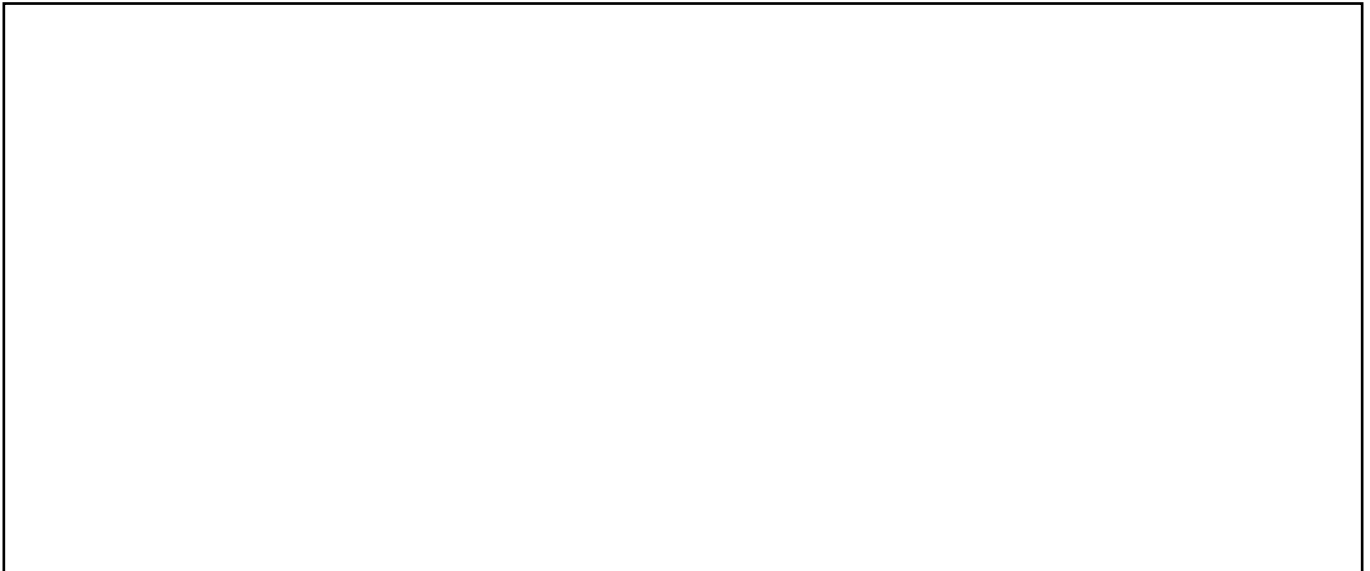


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In this mystery, the author introduced three suspects to keep you guessing. A mystery can be made more complicated if there are more suspects or the author adds information to throw you off track. For example, if Lou May had been seen near the accident sneaking a transmitter into her pocket, this would have made her appear more suspicious.

Imagine that you are the author of *The Mystery of Autoplane 500*. Think of some clues to make either Lou May or Captain Hart look like the guilty person. Draw the incriminating scene below.



Add your clues.



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