

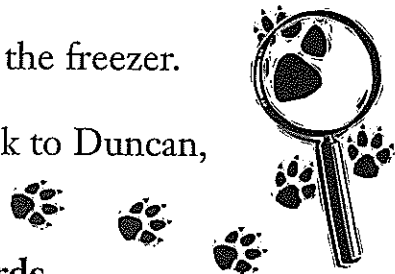
► Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

**case**                      **specific**                      **assistant**                      **definitely**  
**detective**                      **returned**                      **positive**

1. Duncan hires a \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the mystery of the missing joke book.
2. The book is missing for sure. It is \_\_\_\_\_ gone.
3. When Nate takes the \_\_\_\_\_, he begins to study the mystery.
4. An expert like Nate might have a helper called an \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Duncan does not want just any joke book. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ joke book in mind.



6. Duncan is uncertain about where he left the book. On the other hand, Nate is \_\_\_\_\_ it is in the freezer.
7. When Nate \_\_\_\_\_ the book to Duncan, he put it back where it belonged.



► Complete the story using the Vocabulary Words.

Muriel Morgan was the greatest (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the third grade. She could solve any (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that she could solve the Mystery of the Missing Chalkboard Eraser. It was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the hardest mystery she had ever worked on. She followed a trail of chalk dust to Slim Sneaky's desk. Muriel found the eraser in the desk and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it to the teacher.