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Reading Detective: Mini-Mysteries

Read all 5 clue sentences in each case, cross out the two choices ruled out by the clues, then write the answer and proving clue.



Riko the Detective Fox's 3-step tip: 1. Read every clue - 2. Cross out two choices - 3. Solve and prove it!

Max wears boots. Sam has a red hat. Who wore boots?

Max ~~Sam~~

Case 1: Who Baked the Secret Blueberry Tart?

1. Someone left a warm blueberry tart on the kitchen table before lunch.
2. Leo spent the whole morning outside riding his blue bike at the park.
3. Mina wore a white apron, yet she only sliced green apples for salad.
4. Noah stayed indoors near the warm oven with a mixing bowl and flour.
5. A tiny purple blueberry stain spotted the sleeve of Noah's apron!

Clue checklist (cross out 2)

- ~~Leo~~
- ~~Mina~~
- **Noah**

Final answer and proving clue:

Noah baked the secret blueberry tart.

Clue: he had flour by the oven and a purple berry stain.

Case 2: Where Did Coco Hide the Golden Acorn?

1. Coco the squirrel hid her prized golden acorn safely before the rain.
2. She skipped the clay flowerpot because rainwater filled it to the rim.
3. She hurried right past the mossy log because noisy beetles lived inside.
4. Coco climbed high above the damp leaves into a dry hollow oak trunk.
5. From that cozy hollow perch, she waved hello to Plume the owl!

Clue checklist (cross out 2)

- ~~Flowerpot~~
- **Hollow oak**
- ~~Mossy log~~

Final answer and proving clue:

Coco hid the golden acorn in the hollow oak.

Clue: it was high, cozy, and dry away from rain and beetles.

Riko's tip: never guess before sentence 5—every clue rules out an extra option until only one true match remains.