

Know your SAT Words!

The Mystery at Hollywood

SAT Words



1. benevolent: _____
2. episode: _____
3. empower: _____
4. extremity: _____
5. flippant: _____

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.

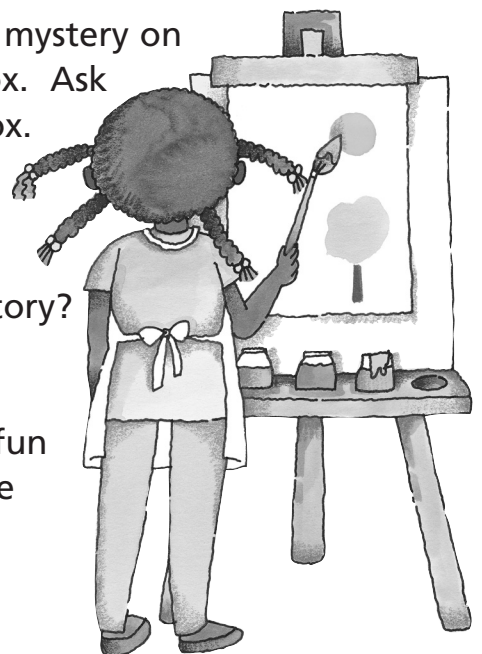


Online Book Club

The Mystery at Hollywood

Bring It To Life!

1. Take an imaginary trip! Look at a map of California. Find Hollywood. Using the map and the Internet, find all the places that Christina and Grant visited. Have each member of the book club choose a place they want to see. Collect pictures and a description of each place. Now, it's time to travel! Have each member discuss their place and the things that they would see, hear, touch, smell, and taste there.
2. Discuss all the special foods that you might eat in Hollywood, like avocados, artichokes, garlic, asparagus, olives, eggplant, and fresh figs and dates. With help from parents, have each member bring a dish to share.
3. Make a La Brea Tar Pits exhibit. What prehistoric animals once lived in this area? Make a miniature exhibit of the tar pits during prehistoric times. Use clay to create the animals. Draw or find pictures of skeletons of the prehistoric animals to add to the exhibit.
4. Write down the names of all the characters in the mystery on slips of paper. Fold the slips and put them in a box. Ask each member to select a slip of paper from the box. Each member should then answer the following questions as if they were the character they selected. What part of the story is your favorite and why? What makes you so important to the story? Then ask other book club members: "Who am I?"
5. Brainstorm ideas about what makes Hollywood a fun place to go on vacation. Have the members of the book club split into teams and create video commercials to get people to visit Hollywood.



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

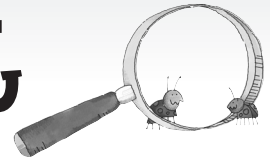
1. What are Santa Ana winds?
2. What does the Spanish word *brea* mean?
3. What did Jeremy say had stayed at the hotel?
4. What do celebrities leave at Grauman's Chinese Theatre?
5. What does Grant do inside the flight chamber?
6. What do the kids see at Griffith Observatory?
7. What did the kids sneak into at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery?
8. What does Christina find in the pink satin drawstring bag?



Online Activity

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Scavenger Hunt



Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find each item either in the book or when you visit the real place. Good luck! *(Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this page for your students.)*

1. ____ La Brea Tar Pits
2. ____ Hollywood Walk of Fame
3. ____ Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum
4. ____ Max Factor
5. ____ artichoke
6. ____ Paramount Studios
7. ____ fossils
8. ____ silent movies
9. ____ the Hollywood Sign
10. ____ earthquake



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Talk About It!

1. Look at a map of the United States. How does the wind usually blow? How do the Santa Ana winds blow? How are the Santa Ana winds good? How are they bad?
2. What would it have been like to be an animal stuck in the La Brea Tar Pits? How did the animals become fossilized?
3. Mimi was going to a screenwriter's workshop. What does that mean? Would you like to be a screenwriter? What would you write about?
4. Have you ever been in an earthquake? What was it like? If not, what do you think it would feel like to be in an earthquake?
5. List several reasons why someone might like to live in Hollywood. List several reasons why someone might not. Tell whether you would want to live there and why.
6. How did you feel about Kate Butler and what she did? How would you feel if you found out that a member of your family had stolen something?
7. What is your favorite part of the mystery? What do you think is the scariest part?
8. Grant and Christina visited a lot of places on their trip to Hollywood. Which of those places would you most like to visit? Why?

