

Online Book Club

The Las Vegas Mystery

Book Club Activities!

1. Use the Internet to research fun places in Las Vegas! Choose a book club member and plan a pretend trip to Las Vegas. Find the “perfect” hotel, choose that car that your family will rent, and choose at least three activities in Las Vegas! Make it fun—it’s your vacation!
2. Pick a famous celebrity, historical figure, or sports figure. Use books or the Internet to learn interesting things about that person’s life. Dress up and “impersonate” your choice at a book club meeting.
3. Grant and Christina had to figure out clues by looking at missing words or letters. Write familiar phrases and leave out one of the words. Ask book club members to figure out the missing word. Here’s an example:
“Twinkle, twinkle, little _____.”
4. Create a roller coaster! Divide into groups and gather art supplies like poster board, pencils, markers, crayons, and glitter. Design a roller coaster on your poster board. (If you really want to work hard, you could make a three-dimensional roller coaster out of popsicle sticks!) Make it fun! Make it flashy! Name it something fancy!



Online Information

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Fascinating Facts

Las Vegas Area

- There are about 125,000 hotel rooms in Las Vegas.
- Vegas Vic, the enormous neon cowboy that towers over Fremont Street, is the world's largest mechanical neon sign.
- More than 39 million people visit Las Vegas each year!
- The Stratosphere is the tallest, free-standing, observation tower in the U.S. and the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River.
- If you wanted to spend one night in every hotel room in Las Vegas, it would take you 288 years!
- Construction workers at Hoover Dam had a mascot dog! You can visit the dog's grave near the Hoover Dam Tour Center.
- There are about 15,000 miles of neon tubing on the strip and in downtown Las Vegas!
- The kangaroo rat, a resident of the Mojave Desert, can survive without drinking a drop of water—ever! They get liquid from plant seeds.
- More gold is mined in Nevada than in any other state! Other gold-producing states include Alaska, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.
- Every day, about 15,000 pillowcases are washed at the MGM Grand Hotel! (How would you like to fold them every day?)



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Pop Quiz

1. Where did the kids find Soman and Shiba in the end of the mystery?
2. Who picked up the kids, Mimi, and Papa when the Mystery Girl broke down in the desert?
3. What country did Asha and Chandu come from?
4. True or False? There are more orange tigers than white tigers.
5. What is the name of the hotel where Grant and Christina stayed?
6. Hoover Dam straddles two time zones. What are those time zones?
7. Where did the kids find Mr. Patel?
8. What are the statues made of in Madame Tussauds Museum?



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Book Club Questions!

1. Asha and Chandu loved their white tigers. Some people keep tigers as pets, although they are truly wild animals and can be dangerous. Do you think you would like to have a tiger as a pet?
2. Grant and Christina used many different forms of transportation in the book, including an airplane, a Hummer, a monorail, a gondola, and a trolley. Of all the forms of transportation you have used, which is your favorite?
3. One of Jack's jobs was working as an Elvis impersonator. If you could impersonate a famous person, who would it be?
4. Have you visited Las Vegas? If so, what was your favorite activity? If not, what was your favorite activity that Grant and Christina did in the book?
5. Grant and Christina rode some pretty scary roller coasters in Las Vegas. Have you ever been on a roller coaster? If so, how did it make you feel? Where is your favorite roller coaster?
6. The kids visited the Ethel M Chocolate factory in Las Vegas. Have you ever been to a factory where food was made? If so, what type of food was made there?
7. Grant and Christina went to the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. Do you like to study history? If so, why? If not, why not?
8. Grant encountered a Gila monster while visiting Ice Box Canyon. Have you ever encountered a poisonous or dangerous animal? If so, describe your experience.
9. Grant, Christina, Asha, and Chandu found the tigers at the Flamingo being crowned King and Queen of the strip. Why do you think Manendra and the others did this?
10. Which character did you like the most? Which character was most like you?





Fact or

Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- _____ 1. Soman and Shiba are two lions in the magic show.
- _____ 2. Asha and Chandu raise tigers with their family in Africa.
- _____ 3. Papa and Mimi went to Las Vegas for the Aviation Nation air show.
- _____ 4. Some people call Las Vegas the Jewel of the Desert.
- _____ 5. People on the street were excited to see Cowboy Vic wink again.
- _____ 6. The Hoover Dam helps control the Mississippi River, which is Las Vegas' main source of water.
- _____ 7. Christina gathered her clues to find the missing tigers from signs all over Las Vegas.
- _____ 8. Christina and Grant found the tigers at a publicity stunt that reminded them of a funeral.

Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: **The Las Vegas Mystery**

SAT Words



1. Elaborate_____
2. Impersonate_____
3. Mesmerize_____
4. Observe_____
5. Scrutinize_____

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

