

THE RED PEN CRIME SCENE

Find & Fix **Fragments**

YOU'LL GET . . .

- 30 Cases to be solved (1/2 page size or full-page)
- Official Grammar Police: Master Case Log
- Magnifying Glasses
- Grammar Police Detective Badges
- Official Detective Credentials
- Case File Labels
- Printable Answer Keys
- 3 Teacher Slideshows with all cases, student directions, and answer keys
- 3 Student Slideshows includes directions and all cases

I am so glad you are here,
Detective. We could really use
your help to unmask this
devious Sentence Imposter . . .

AKA The Fragment

It's your job to look at each
case file, find and capture the
fragments, then repair the
damage (fix the sentences).



CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS **CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS**

ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS WITH A FULL EXPERIENCE AND ROOM TRANSFORMATION

Case #28: The Case of the Secret Agent Dog

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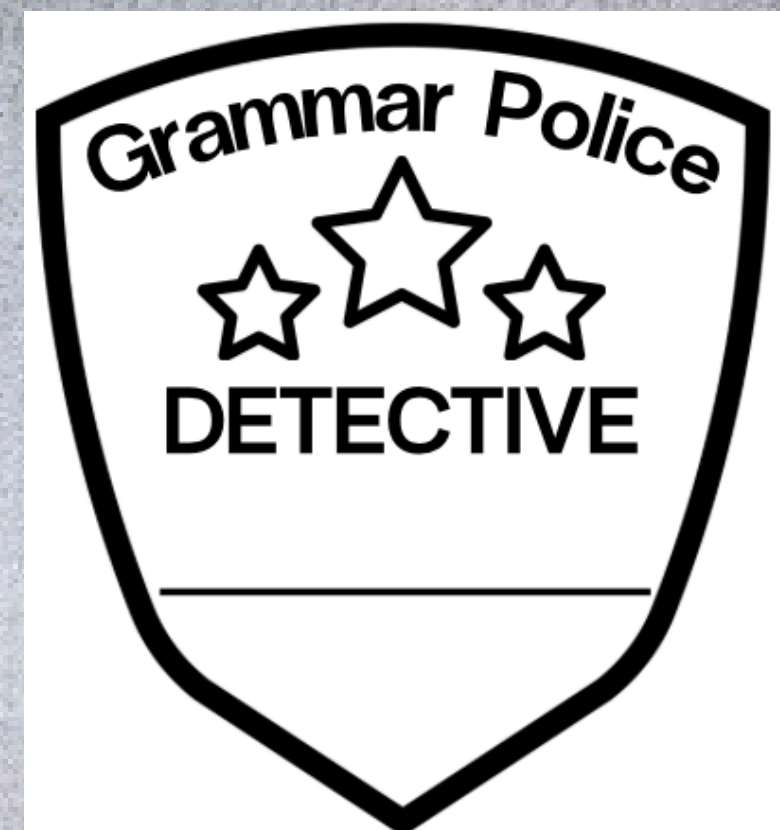
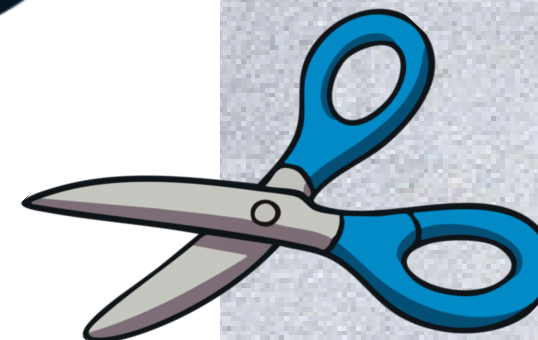
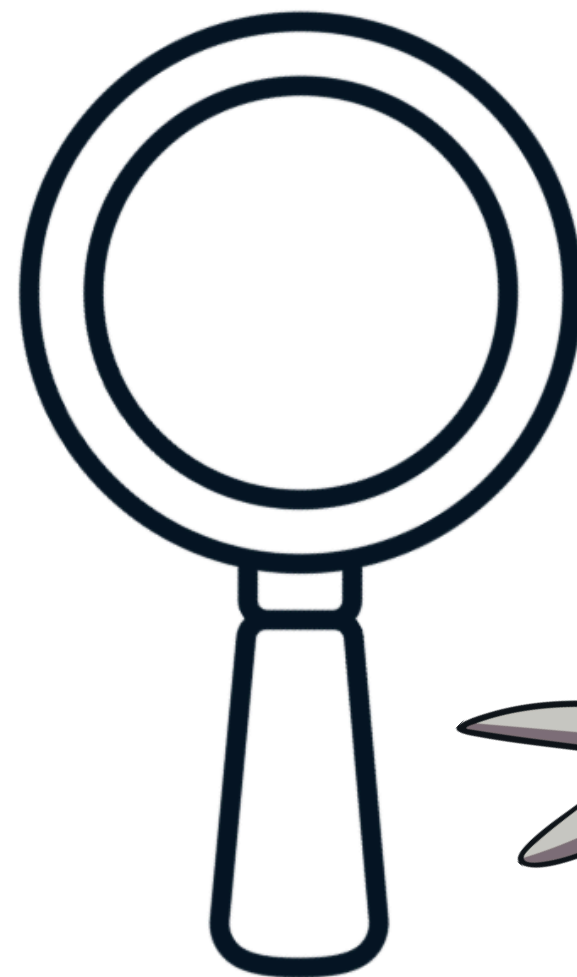
★ Official Detective Credential ★

Name: _____

Badge #: _____

Specialty: Fragment Apprehension

Authorized to wield the Red Pen of Justice



LEVEL 1

1 FRAGMENT HIDING IN EACH CASE

#01: Case of the Stubborn Bulldog

My wrinkly English bulldog puppy, Winston, loves his morning walks. street. Sometime refuses to move. have to offer him walking again. Or in a circle. We e front porch.

#02: Case of the Science Fair

The school gymnasium was packed with noisy students and colorful posters. Everyone was excited for the annual science fair to begin. and baking soda. We walk by our table. Fir clipboard. He asked reaction worked. Bec many times. We earne

#03: Case of the Animal Clinic

The animal clinic gets extremely busy on Monday mornings. The phor to make appointme parrot. A young w fish tank. Soon, the from the hallway. wrote notes on a parrot just needed a

#04: Case of the Math Test

Every morning, our teacher writes a positive quote on the whiteboard. Today, mistakes help our words during my di were much harder t deep breath and tri proud of myself. I k important part of lea

#05: Case of the Secret Recipe

Underneath the heavy mixing bowl. A secret rec was hidden from view. My grandmother pulled bake her famous chocolate cake. She measured and sugar with perfect precision. I cracked th eggs into a separate glass dish. We poured batter into a round metal pan. The kitchen sm

10 CASES TO SOLVE

LEVEL 2

4 FRAGMENTS
HIDING IN
EACH CASE

#11: Case of the Science Lab Escape

Detective Miller stepped into the fourth-grade science lab to investigate a morning disturbance. Broken test tubes littered the floor, and green goo was smeared across the window at the back. A small object had rolled away from an open box, leaving a trail of green clutter on the teal linoleum. The object was a half-eaten yellow banana. Detective Miller followed the class mascot, a small green parrot named Swung, across the room. Detective Miller carefully photographed the scene and followed a trail of green goo. The janitor forgot to clean up the mess.

#12: Case of the Missing Mascot

Although the crowd made plenty of noise during the pep rally. The detective heard a strange squeaking sound coming from the main hallway. He left the loud game and followed the sound to the school's oversized eagle mascot cabinet. Underneath the cabinet, he found the oversized bird feet squeaking enthusiastically from the squeaking noise past the stage. Dressed in a furry costume, the school principal was secretly watching a mirror!

#13: Case of the Vanishing Cupcakes

The smell of warm vanilla drifted out of the school cafeteria kitchen. Mrs. Higgins had baked four dozen chocolate cupcakes for the afternoon bake sale. She had left the cupcakes near the back door. Vanishing. A dusty flour trail led to the back door. Detective Miller knelt down to investigate. Squeaked loudly when he touched the flour. Squeaked loudly when he touched its paws. Miller gently touched the flour.

#14: Case of the Phantom Library Book

Behind the towering stack of graphic novels. A rare hardcover mystery book had vanished from the display table overnight. The school library was closed. Detective Miller arrived to investigate. He carefully traced a trail of dust. Mrs. Gable, the head librarian, had records. Searched every shelf. They realized a student had made a mistake. Before the book was safe.

#15: Case of the Mischievous Parrot

Room 204 was usually the quietest room in the elementary school. Today, loud squawking noises interrupted the morning spelling lesson. A bright green feather on the swivel chair. Detective Miller arrived quickly to investigate the classroom chaos. Squawking loudly at the startled students. The colorful parrot flapped its wings and flew up toward the ceiling fan. The bird had escaped from its enclosure in the room next door. Whenever someone walked past the

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LEVEL 3

UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF FRAGMENTS IN EACH CASE

#21: The Case of the Mystery Footprints

Fresh white snow covered the entire school playground overnight. Detective Miller zipped up his warm winter coat to investigate the scene. He noticed a trail of footprints leading from the cafeteria. No human prints, just animal tracks. He carefully followed the tracks through the frozen monkey-freezing cold air. The tracks led to a small, dark corner near the retro game machines. A high score on Space Defenders caught his eye. He inspected the glowing digital display, noting the lightning-fast fingers. The clock showed it was Saturday afternoon. The local arcade was closed for the day.

#22: The Case of the Arcade High Score

The neon lights flickered inside the crowded video game arcade on Friday afternoon. A loud cheer suddenly erupted from the back corner near the retro game machines. Leo had just achieved a high score on Space Defender. He was about to inspect the glowing digital display when he noticed lightning-fast fingers. The challenger beat the impossible final boss in under a minute. The unknown gamer's identity was a mystery. A bright beam of light shined down on the champion. The glow of the screen finally turned off. Everyone gasped when the

#23: The Case of the M

The local skate park was full of kids on Saturday morning. Leo set his brand new skateboard against the concrete ramp. He gripped the metal railing. When he pushed off, the board was completely silent. It was broken. Leo immediately spotted a fresh set of rubber wheels.

Because

#23: The Case of the Missing Skateboard

The local skate park was full of kids practicing trick jumps on Saturday morning. Leo set his brand-new neon green skateboard against the concrete and metal railing. When he pushed off, the board was completely silent and immediately spotted a fresh set of rubber wheels. The trail continued down the playground. Searching for Leo, he finally heard a loud rattling sound. He found Leo's younger sister with her wheels taped to the bottom of her skateboard.

#24: The Case of the Microscopic Mystery

Because the wind blew sticky smoke in our faces, we shifted our wooden folding chairs to the left. The stars sparkled brightly in the night sky, prepared to roast marshmallows. The laughter echoed from the dark bus, and his heavy-duty flashlight lit up the path.

Toby the

#24: The Case of the Midnight Campfire

Because the wind blew sticky smoke into our eyes. Our scout troop shifted our wooden folding chairs to the opposite side of the campfire. The stars sparkled brightly. The marshmallows were prepared to roast marshmallows. The fire echoed from the dark bushes. His heavy-duty flashlight shined a bright beam across the path. Snatching the bag of graham crackers, he struck while everyone was looking. With a bushy tail. The wildcat was before anyone could stop him. Without any crackers that

#25: The Case of the Escaped Gecko

Toby the leopard gecko lived happily in his glass terrarium behind the classroom window. This morning, a student noticed the mesh screen lid was left slightly open. Detective Miller scanned the classroom floor for any signs of movement. He checked inside a pair of discarded sneakers and under a pile of dirty laundry. Hiding behind the heavy bookshelf near the door, the tiny yellow tail twitched nervously under a crumpled piece of notebook paper. Miller slowly reached out his hand and

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STUDENT RECORDING PAGES

OFFICIAL GRAMMAR POLICE: MASTER CASE LOG

Lead Detective(s): _____ Date: _____ Precinct (Room #): _____

Directions: Read each case carefully. Locate the fragments posing as sentences. Identify what information was stolen from each sentence. Then rehabilitate (rewrite) the fragments to make them complete sentences.

Case #21: The Case of the Mystery Footprints

Missing Component

Subject or Predicate

OFFICIAL GRAMMAR POLICE: MASTER CASE LOG

Lead Detective(s): _____ Date: _____ Precinct (Room #): _____

CASE # and TITLE	Sentence #	The Fragment (Sentence Imposter)	Missing Component
01: Stubborn Bulldog			Subject or Predicate

Rehabilitated Sentences:

OFFICIAL GRAMMAR POLICE: MASTER CASE LOG

Lead Detective(s): _____ Date: _____ Precinct (Room #): _____

Directions: Read each case carefully. Locate the fragment posing as a sentence. Write down which sentence number was the imposter (fragment). Identify what information was stolen from the sentence. Then rehabilitate (rewrite) the fragment to make it a complete sentence.

CASE # and TITLE	Sentence #	The Fragment (Sentence Imposter)	Missing Component
			Subject or Predicate

OFFICIAL GRAMMAR POLICE: INCIDENT REPORT

Lead Detective(s): _____ Date: _____ Precinct (Room #): _____

Incident Name: _____

Crime (Sentence #): _____

COLLECTION

TEACHER SLIDESHOW

- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ALL 10 CASES
- DIGITAL ANSWER KEY

6'6"

6'0"

5'6"

5'0"

4'6"

4'0"

3'6"

3'0"

THE SUSPECTS



6'6"

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

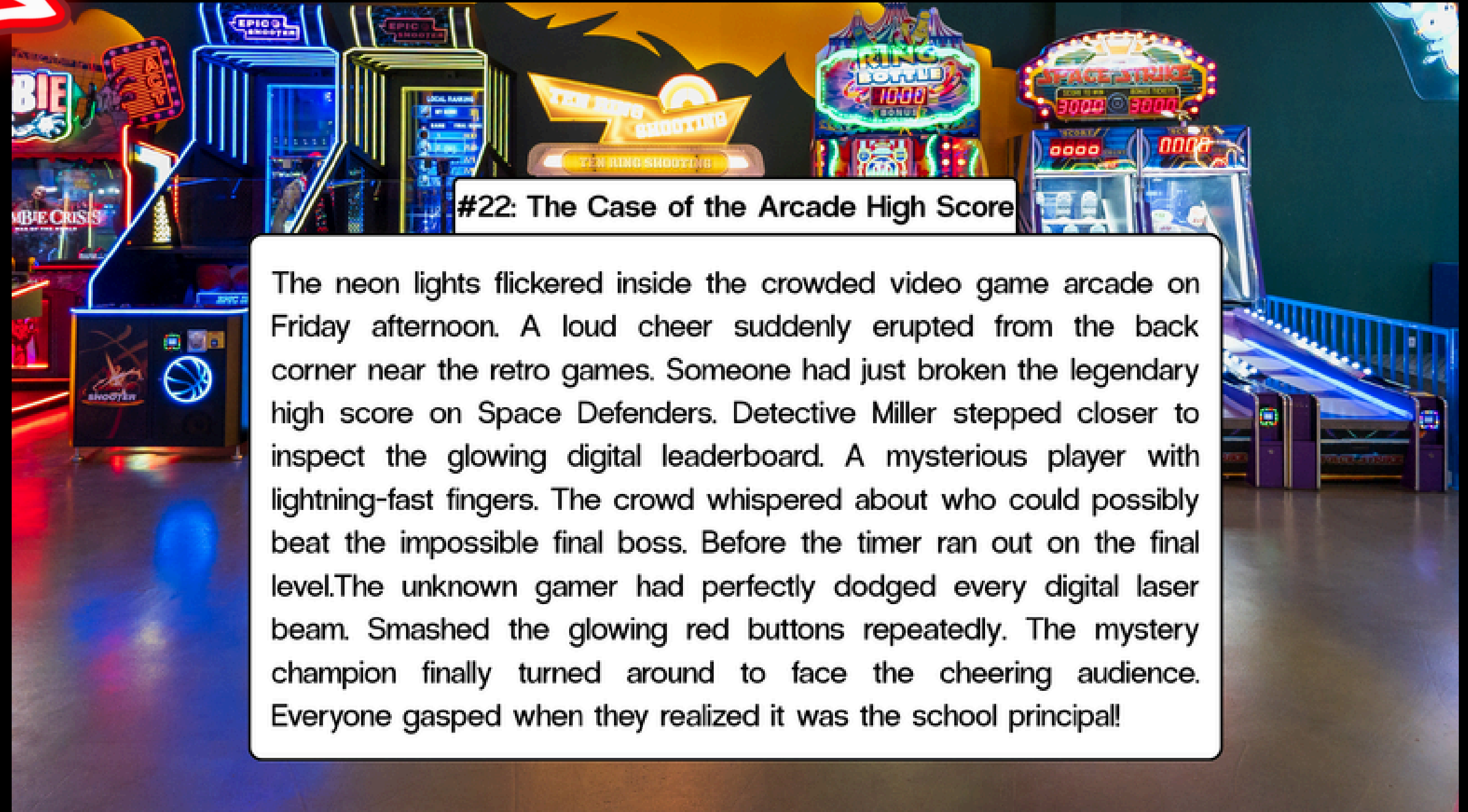
**"Sentences" that
doesn't quite make sense**

**A "sentence" missing its
subject (WHO)**

**A "sentence" missing its
predicate (DID WHAT?)**

STUDENT SLIDESHOW

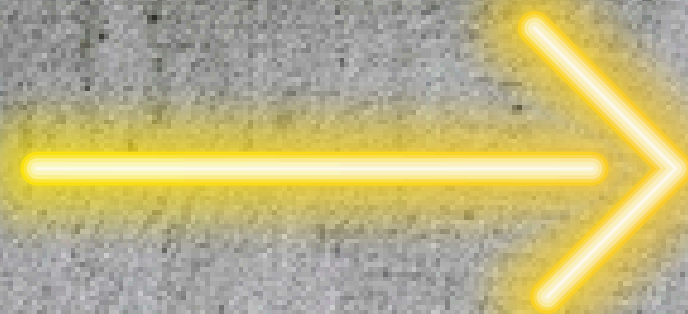
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
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#22: The Case of the Arcade High Score

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FRAGMENT OR SENTENCE?

GRAMMAR ACTIVITIES

