

THE RED PEN CRIME SCENE

Find & Fix An **Unknown Amount of Fragments** Per Passage

YOU'LL GET . . .

- 10 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 Key
- Teacher Slideshow with all 10 cases, student directions, and answer key
- Student Slideshow includes directions and all 10 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).



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ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS WITH A FULL EXPERIENCE AND ROOM TRANSFORMATION

Case #28: The Case of the Secret Agent Dog

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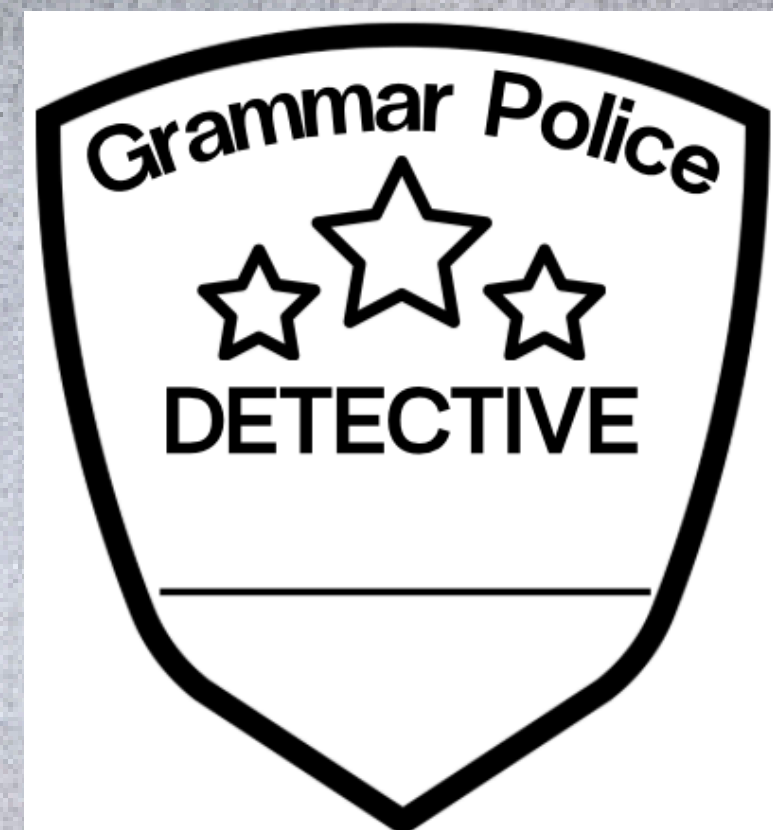
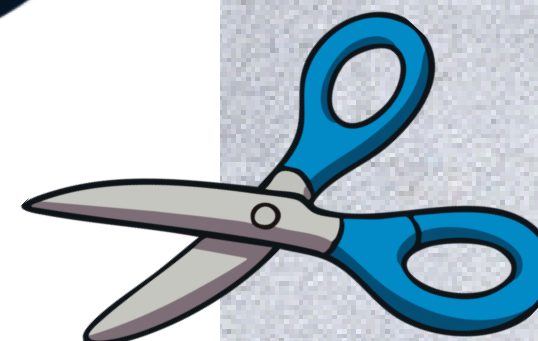
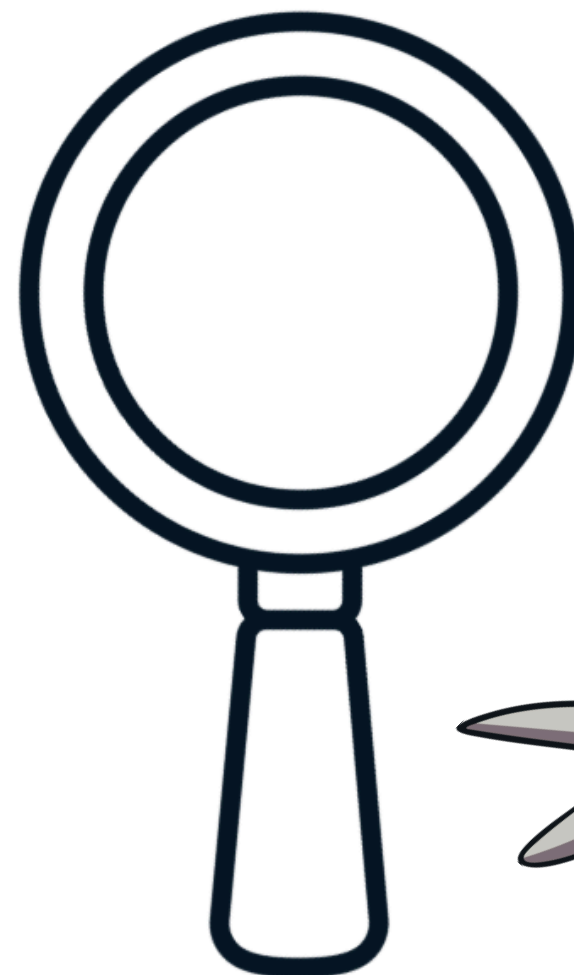
★ Official Detective Credential ★

Name: _____

Badge #: _____

Specialty: Fragment Apprehension

Authorized to wield the Red Pen of Justice



10 CASES TO SOLVE

#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 tracks in the freezing cold air. The tracks led to a small building where two children were facing the wall. The child in the middle was the school custodian wearing a winter hat. Miller laughed softly.

#22: The Case of the Arcade

The neon lights flickered inside the crowded arcade on Friday afternoon. A loud cheer suddenly erupted from the corner near the retro game machines. Detective Miller watched a high score on Space Defenders. He stepped forward to inspect the glowing digital display. The player, a young boy with lightning-fast fingers, had just beaten the impossible final level. The local news station was live on Saturday.

#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, and everyone was inspecting the glowing digital display. His lightning-fast fingers. The crowd beat the impossible final level. The unknown gamer's name flashed on the beam. Smashed the glowing buttons. The champion finally turned around. 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, leaning it against the metal railing. When he pushed off, his board was completely flat and immediately spotted with 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 ramp and gripped the metal railing. When he pushed off, the board was completely silent. It was a new trick, and he was immediately spotted by a crowd of onlookers. A fresh set of rubber wheels. The trail continued down the hill, past the playground. Searching for a sign, Leo finally heard a loud rumble. He found Leo's younger sister, who had 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 over the campfire. Echoed from the dark bus, the driver's voice. His heavy-duty flashlight lit up the path ahead. 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.

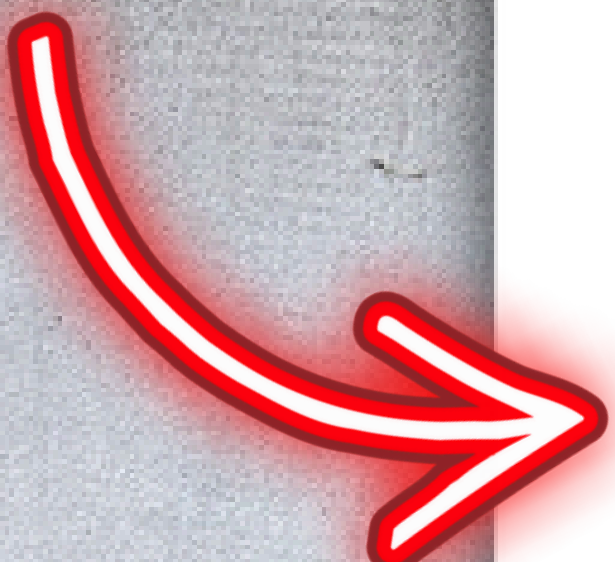
#25: The Case of the Escaped Gecko

Toby the leopard gecko lived happily in his glass terrarium near 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, Toby's tiny yellow tail twitched nervously under a crumpled piece of notebook paper. Miller slowly reached out his hand and made a soft clicking noise until the gecko crawled out into the open. In the sunlight, Toby climbed safely back onto the detective's desk.

0-4 FRAGMENTS POSING AS A SENTENCE IN EACH

STUDENT RECORDING PAGE

1/2 SHEET OF
PAPER PER CASE



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
Fragment #1	Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Fragment #1:	
Fragment #2	Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Fragment #2:	
Fragment #3	Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Fragment #3:	
Fragment #4	Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Fragment #4:	

Case #22: The Case of the Arcade High Score	Missing Component
Fragment #1	Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Fragment #1:	
Fragment #2	Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Fragment #2:	

TEACHER SLIDESHOW

- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ALL 10 CASES
- DIGITAL ANSWER KEY

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5'6"

5'0"

4'6"

4'0"

3'6"

3'0"

THE SUSPECTS



6'6"

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

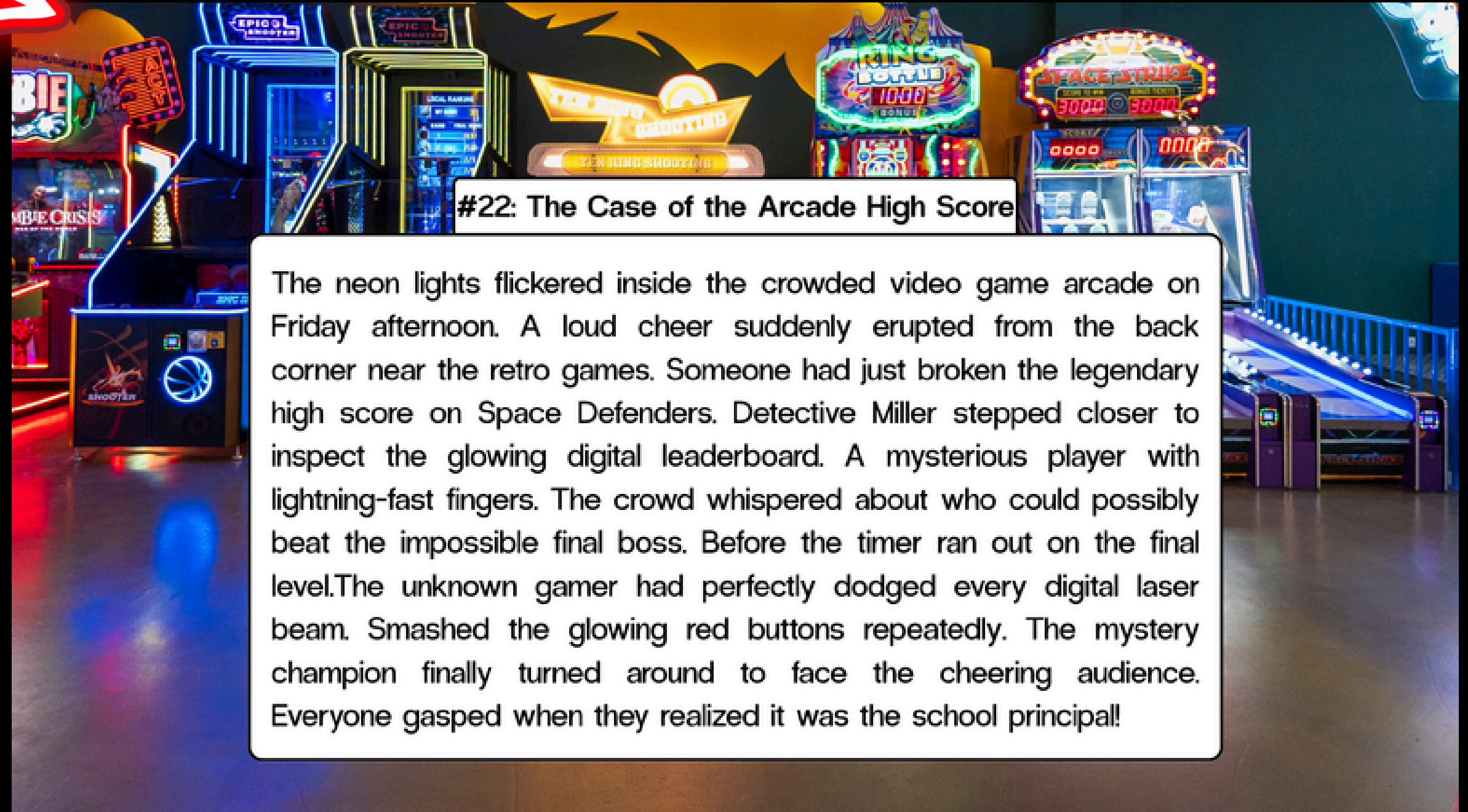
**"Sentences" that
doesn't quite make sense**

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

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

STUDENT SLIDESHOW

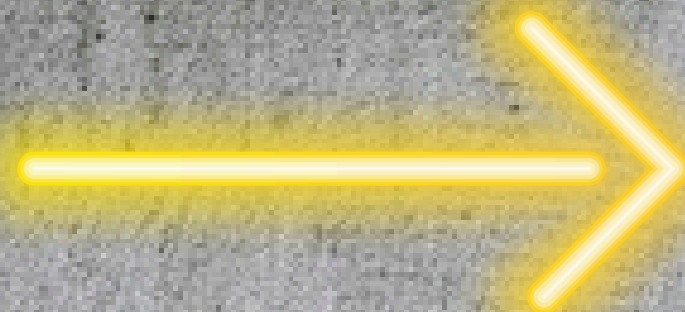
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#22: The Case of the Arcade High Score

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 games. Someone had just broken the legendary high score on Space Defenders. Detective Miller stepped closer to inspect the glowing digital leaderboard. A mysterious player with lightning-fast fingers. The crowd whispered about who could possibly beat the impossible final boss. Before the timer ran out on the final level. The unknown gamer had perfectly dodged every digital laser beam. Smashed the glowing red buttons repeatedly. The mystery champion finally turned around to face the cheering audience. Everyone gasped when they realized it was the school principal!

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