THE RED PEN CRIME SCENE

Find & Fix Fragments

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- 10 Cases to be solved (1/2 page size or full-page)
- Official Grammar Police: Incident Report
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- Printable Answer Key
- Teacher Slideshow with all 10 cases, student directions, and answer key
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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 fragment, then repair the damage (fix the sentence).

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ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS WITH A FULL EXPERIENCE AND ROOM TRANSFORMATION

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Official Detective Credential

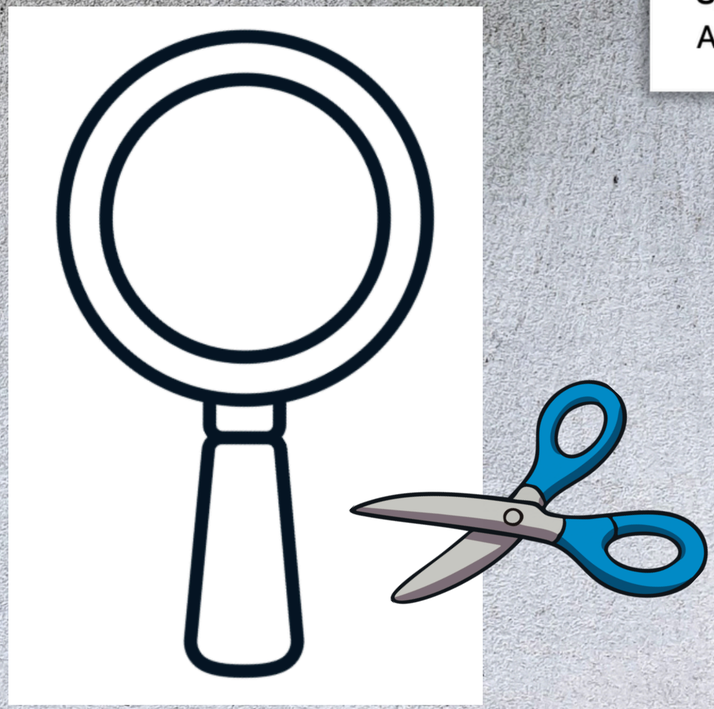
Name: _____

Badge #: _____

Specialty: Fragment Apprehension

Authorized to wield the Red Pen of Justice

Case #01: Case of the Stubborn Bulldog





10 CASES TO SOLVE

#01: Case of the Stubborn Bulldog

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

#02: Case of the Science Fair

The school gymnasium was packed with noisy students and colorful posters. E
science fair to begin.
and baking soda. We
walk by our table. Fi
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 phon
to make appointme
parrot. A young wo
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 re
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

1 FRAGMENT POSING AS A SENTENCE IN EACH

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MORE DETAILED

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
01: Stubborn Bulldog			Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Sentence:			
ce Fair			Subject or Predicate
ed Sentence:			
l Clinic			Subject or Predicate
ed Sentence:			
Test			Subject or Predicate
Rehabilitated Sentence:			

OFFICIAL GRAMMAR POLICE: INCIDENT REPORT

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

CASE DETAILS

Case Number: _____ Incident Name: _____

Location of the Crime (Sentence #): _____

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

The Imposter (Write the fragment exactly as you found it at the crime scene):

_____

CASE CLOSED: THE REPAIR

The Repaired Sentence (Rewrite the fragment into a complete, legal sentence):

_____

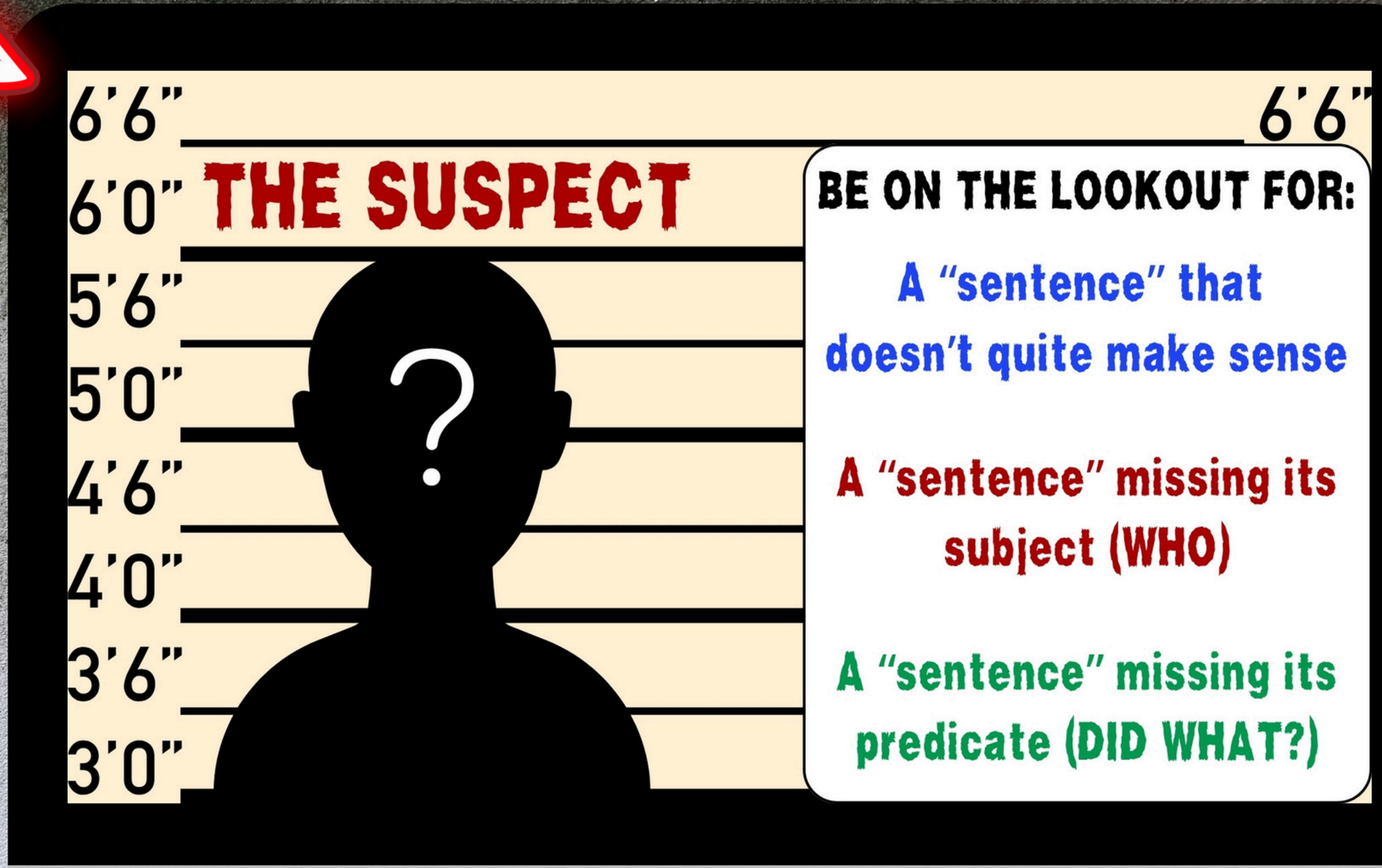
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Color-Coded Proof (Verify your repair):

1. Underline the complete Subject in Green.
2. Underline the complete Predicate in Red.
3. Circle your starting capital letter and end punctuation.

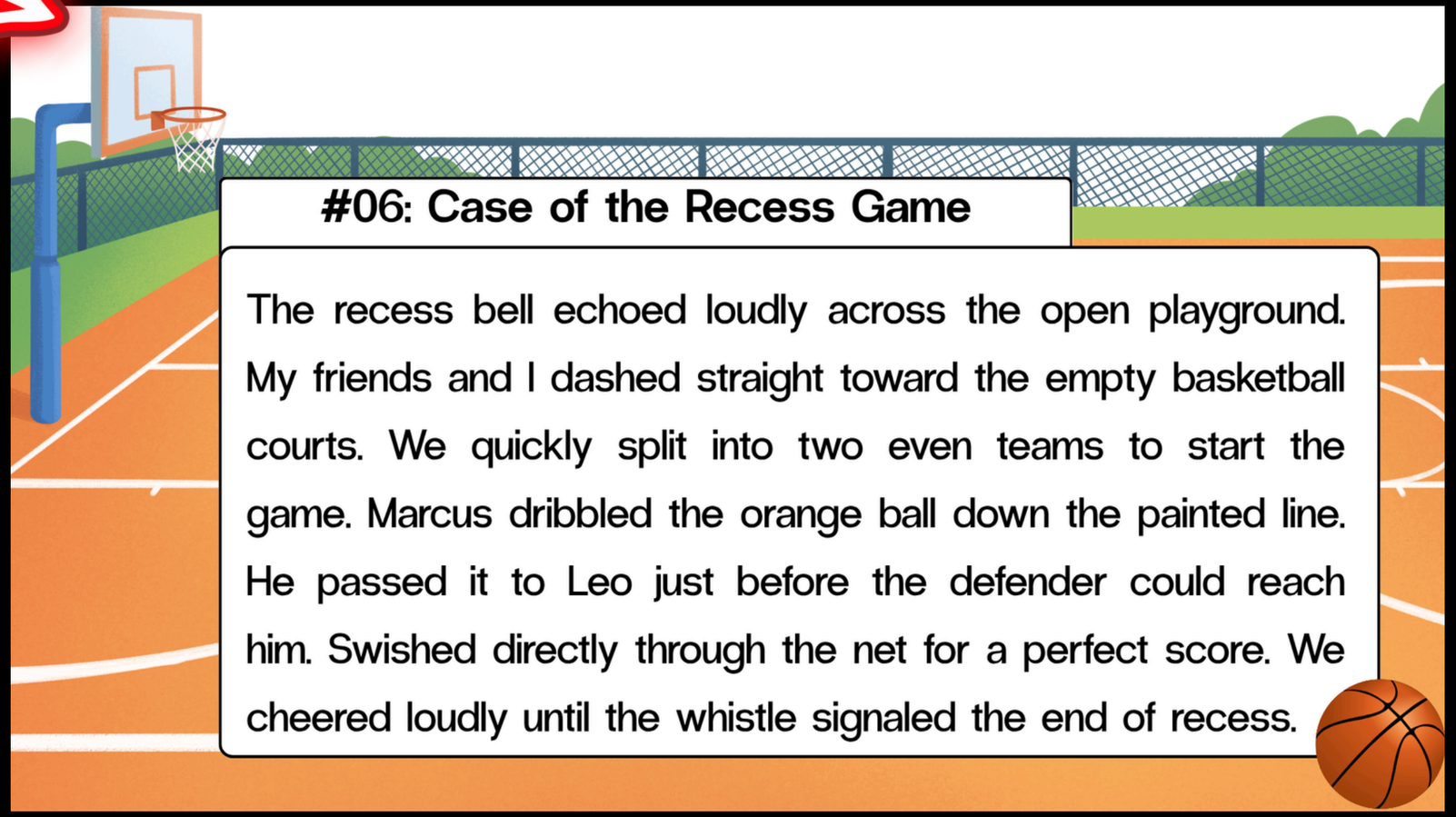
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