

Investigating Clues with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To use evidence from a text to make inferences about a character's feelings and actions.

Read the short story below. Kit the Fox is a detective who loves puzzles. Look for 'clues' in the text that tell you how characters are feeling, even if the author doesn't say it directly. Write your answers using evidence from the passage.

Kit the Fox adjusted his magnifying glass and stepped carefully into the library. The room was silent, but the air felt heavy. He spotted Ellie the Elephant standing by the tall bookshelf. Her trunk was curled tightly around her favourite storybook, and she was staring at the floor, rhythmically tapping her foot. When Kit walked over, she jumped, quickly hiding the book behind her back. She let out a long, shaky sigh and avoided looking him in the eye.

Word bank: evidence · inference · clue · suspicious · anxious · curious · atmosphere · deduce

1. How is Ellie feeling when Kit enters the room? Give two pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

2. What does Ellie's action of hiding the book suggest about what she might be doing? (2 marks)

3. Look at the phrase 'the air felt heavy'. What does this tell us about the mood in the library? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Ellie jumped when Kit walked over? (2 marks)

5. Based on the text, would you describe Kit as observant? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the library from Kit's perspective. Include details that show the 'heavy' atmosphere he felt when he walked in.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what happened just before Kit walked into the room. Use your own ideas to continue the story, making sure your new clues match how Ellie is feeling.