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Activity Sheet 1

Name:

Class:

Comprehension- Secret of the Sapphires (pg 5-47)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What made Oscar interested in investigating the loss of the sapphire brooch?

2. On Pg 16, why do you think Oscar's face turned red as a tomato when questioned by his great- aunt?

3. List 3 discoveries Oscar had made from his initial investigations.

4. At which point did Oscar solve the mystery of the stolen brooch?

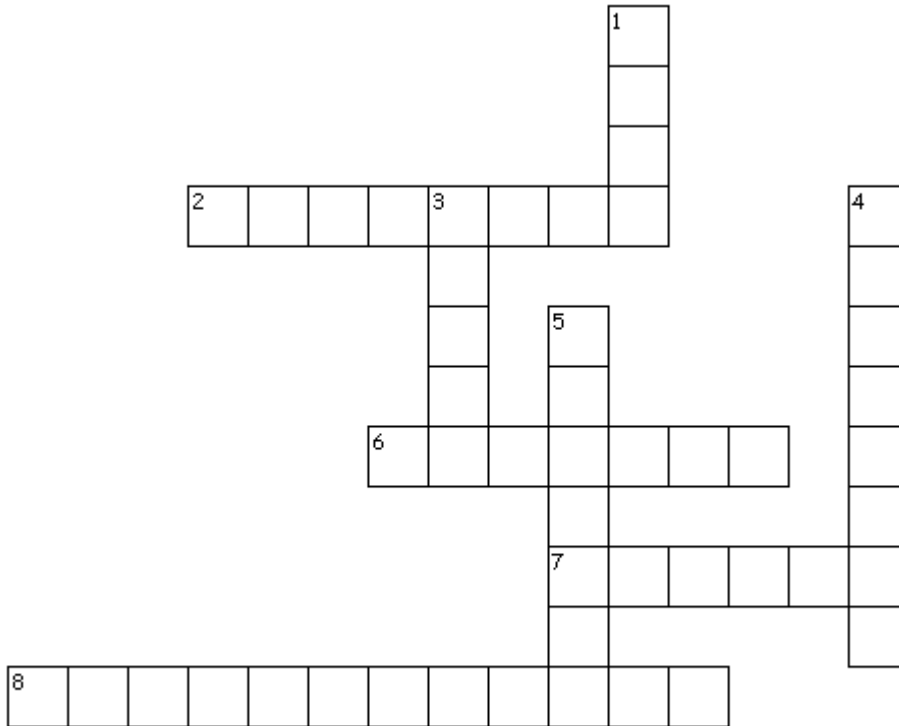
5. Write True or False and the reason in the boxes below.

Statements	True/False	Reason
1) Great-aunt Lilian forbade Oscar to read in her house.		
2) Oscar visited the circus as he loved it and went there every year.		



B. Vocabulary Challenge

The answers can be found in the story. Can you solve the puzzle? Have fun!



Across

- 2. not guilty
- 6. a very large house
- 7. the most important male servant in a wealthy house
- 8. grand and beautiful

Down

- 1. a small pie that contains fruit
- 3. hard white clay used for making plates and cups
- 4. a blue precious stone
- 5. can be seen clearly

Answer key

Activity 1: Comprehension

1. He loved reading detective stories of Simon Snoop and decided to solve the mystery.
2. He felt guilty as his great- aunt believed that he was cycling around the garden. Instead, he had been reading.
3. Firstly, he discovered that nothing was stolen from the jewellery box although it was visible to all. He also noticed crumbs that smelled of liquorice and lastly, he realized that there were no footprints even though it was muddy outside. (accept all plausible answers)
4. It was when he realized that all the missing stolen items were blue in colour.
5. Write True or False and the reason in the boxes below.

Statements	True/False	Reason
1) Great-aunt Lilian forbade Oscar to read in her house.	false	She wanted Oscar to exercise first before reading.
2) Oscar visited the circus as he loved it and went there every year..	false	He visited the circus to find out if the monkey had stolen the brooch.

Vocabulary-Across: 2) innocent 6) mansion 7) butler 8) manificent
Down: 1) tart 3) china 4) sapphire 5) visible

