

## Catch The Reading Bug 2007 – Week Four

**Sub-Theme:** Listening Bugs

**Title:** Listening Detective

**Age:** 10 – 12

**Duration:** 30 – 60 minutes

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### Materials:

- Script for a Police Interview
- Staff Members willing to be interrogated
- 1 Interrogator
- Script for the scenario and the questions.

### Procedure:

#### 1. Who Did It?

Find a script of a Police Interview of a teen suspect.  
Prepare your own script of an interview.  
Involve staff members as suspects.

Read the audience a short story about the incident

Then set up the police interviews.

Interview several suspects who each have a different take on the incident.

The audience decides from what was said (**BY LISTENING**) who the culprit is.

The person who figures it out gets a prize.

Variation:

Contact your local Police Dept and ask for a Detective to come to the program to talk about police interviewing and how detectives practice the “Art of Listening” – not only to what is being said, but to what is implied

#### 2. Mystery Story

Read an Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol and listen very carefully to solve the mystery. You may even have so much fun you want to read two!

### Other Variations:

Play a game of Clue in teams or individually

#### 3. Mystery Sound

Provide a variety of objects in a bag e.g. plastic bottle, stapler, paper tube, piece of poster board etc. and as a group go through the objects. Once everyone has seen the contents of the bag, the person who is “it” takes the bag and secretly uses any two of the objects to create a particular sound for the rest of the group. The sound should be played a few times until everyone has heard it. Bring the bag back and dump out the objects again. The rest of the children take turns trying to guess what objects were used and to mimic the sound.

#### **4. Brazilian Tambourine Craft**

Materials:

Strong Y-shaped branch

Dozen metal bottle caps (if you don't have a supply of these you can buy them in bulk where you find wine and beer making supplies)

Strong wire

Paint and brushes

Assorted decorations, feathers, coloured cord, or beads.

Procedure: See complete directions and photos of this craft at:

<http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10663>

#### **Other Craft Ideas**

Tons of music craft ideas at

<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/musicalinstrumentsartscraftsideashandmadekids.html>

#### **Resources:**

##### **Books:**

Novels or books about Police Interrogation

Parsons, Alexandra. [Make it Work Sound](#) (For lots of fun sound experiments)

Sobol, Donald. [Encyclopedia Brown](#)