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The Mysterious Moonstone from the **Key Hunters** series, #1

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When friends Cleo and Evan pull a book off the shelf in their school

library, they discover a secret library underneath their school filled

with mysterious locked books. The single unlocked book traps them

inside as characters IN the novel! Now they must complete the book by becoming successful detectives. Will they be able to solve the mystery and find the key that will take them back home again?



Search for the Key!

In the Key Hunters series, reading a book is not always a safe experience! Imagine finding yourself as the main character in an adventure book ... Where are you? Draw the cover of the book that you chose. Describe a challenge you would have to overcome.



Before reading, you could ask ...

What would you like to share about mystery books and stories?

Based on the book cover, what predictions can you make about the story's setting, characters, or events?

If you had the opportunity to live out the events of your favorite books, what books would you want to experience?



You can:

 Borrow books from the public library often.

book is always available.

· Swap books with friends and family.

October

Family Reading Tip of the Month: Create a Home Library

Did you know that children who have easy access to books are more likely to read? Keep books in various areas of your house, and take some with you so a

Collect books from second-hand stores, garage sales, and bookstores.

Easy access to books will help your child develop a love of reading

Check for Understanding

- · A book in a series generally leaves you with questions at the end of the book to encourage you to read the next book. What questions do you have at the end of this book?
- What evidence does the author add to the story to make it difficult to guess who really stole the Moonstone?
- What does it mean to be a Key Hunter?
- If you were with Cleo and Evan in this book, how would you have helped solve the mystery?

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Let's Sort

A **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a word that changes its meaning, like in the word *un*friend. A **suffix** is a word part that is added to the end of a word and changes its meaning, like in the word friendly. Use the word bank to sort the following words into the correct columns, identifying words that contain **prefixes**, **suffixes** or both!

A root word is the base part of a word that cannot be broken into smaller parts.

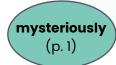
Word Bank							
	membership	spotless	careful	agree	ment	prepare	disappear
	misplace	unlocked	unloaded	uncover	unboxed	reassigned	dangerous

Prefix + Root	Root + Suffix	Prefix + Root + Suffix
	membership	

nnlocked, unloaded, unboxed,	membership, spotless, careful, agreement, dangerous	
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Answer Key

Vocabulary Activity



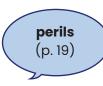
Something that is **mysterious** is strange or not understood. The kids at school don't know why the old librarian **mysteriously** quit her job. Draw something **mysterious**.

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When someone **darts** somewhere, they move suddenly and quickly. To get out of the conversation, Cleo **darts** into the shelving area. Can you think of an animal that **darts** from place to place?



Calling someone a **sleuth** is another way to say that someone is a detective. Ms. Crowley calls Cleo and Evan **sleuths** when they investigate the noise instead of staying in their seats. If you were a **sleuth**, what would you investigate?



A **peril** is a great danger. Ms. Hilliard says that the books in which she is trapped are **perilous**, and Evan should go get help. List three things that are more **perilous** than an enchanted book!