The Case of the Missing Fish
by Anita Amin

Emma and Alex went fishing with Grandpa at the beach. It was sunny and the waves gently rolled in.

After a while, Grandpa frowned. "No bites," he said. "Where are the fish today?"

"A mystery!" Emma cried. "Don’t worry. Detective Emma is here."

"And Detective Alex!" Alex added.

"We need clues." Emma studied the area. "There are a lot of shells here."

Some seagulls landed nearby.

"And a lot of birds," Alex added.

The seagulls pecked at the sand. Then they took off, flying over the ocean.

"Look," Emma said, pointing to the seagulls. "Why do those birds keep diving down to the ocean? Something fishy is going on."

Alex said, "Maybe they’re trying to see the ocean better."

"Or maybe they’re trying to see something in the ocean better," Emma said.

"You think they lost something?" Alex asked.

"Or found something. Look!" Emma cried as a seagull flew over them. In its beak, the seagull was carrying a small fish.

"Those birds are catching more fish than we are!" Grandpa laughed.

"Another case cracked by Detective Emma," Emma said.

"And Detective Alex," Alex added.
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1. Where does this story take place?
   a. by a lake  b. by a river
   c. by a pond  d. by the seashore

2. What kind of birds did Emma and Alex see at the beach?

3. Emma and Alex were pretending to be detectives.
   What does a detective do?
   a. solves a mystery  b. looks for fish
   c. picks up shells on the beach  d. scare birds away

4. After they pecked the sand and flew over the ocean, what did the birds do?

5. Read the sentence below.
   "Another case cracked by detective Emma," Emma said.
   What does the underlined word mean?
   a. broke  b. solved
   c. found  d. dropped
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Draw straight lines to match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

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<td>3. diving</td>
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