Be a Super Sleuth

"Observe with your own eyes and not with those of others, hearken with your own ears and not with the ears of others, and discover mysteries with the help of your own consciences and not with those of others." —'Abdu'l-Bahá

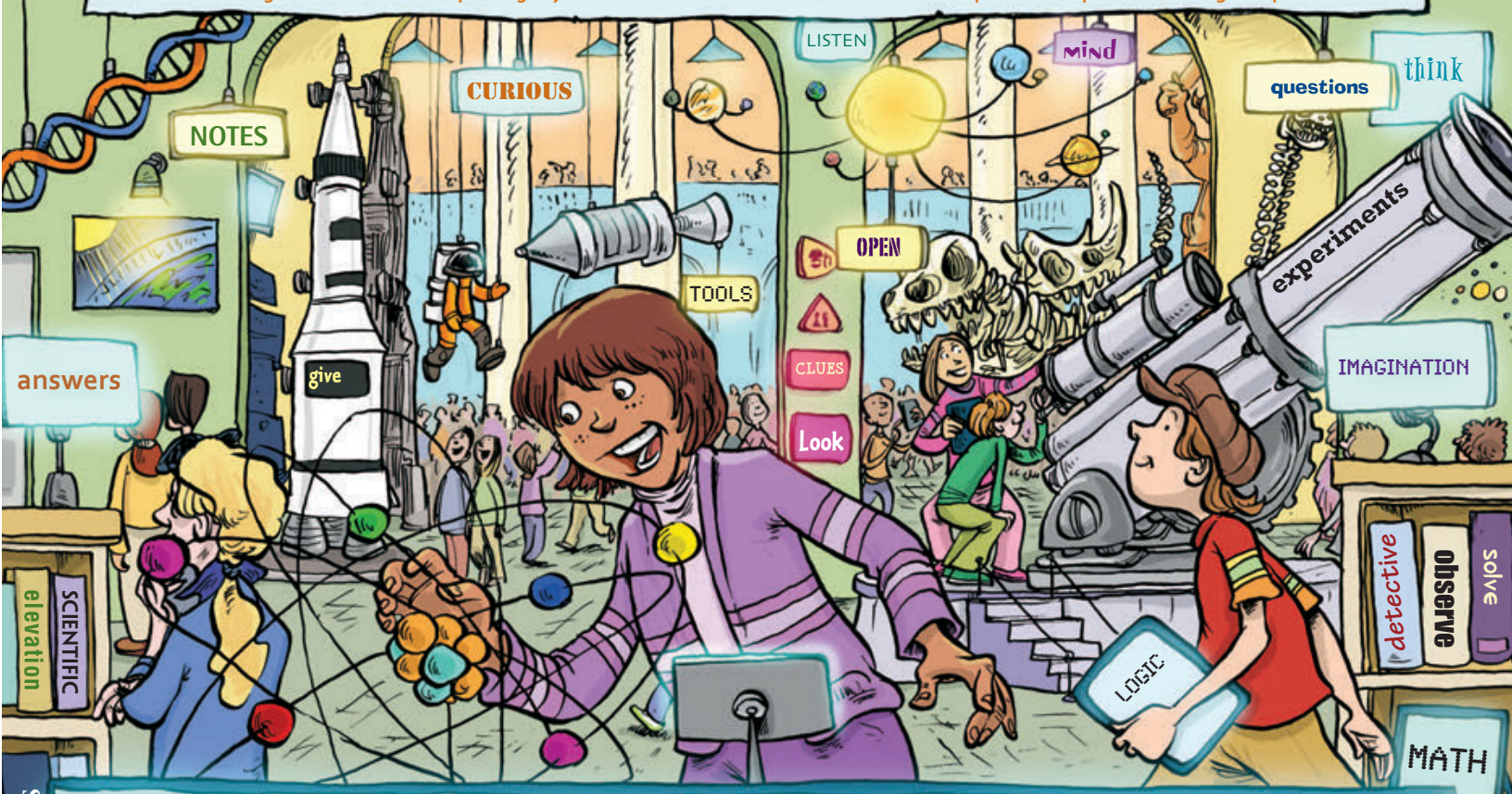
In books and on TV, detectives search diligently to find clues and solve mysteries. They often face great danger, but they never give up. They keep going until they uncover the truth.

In real life, we encounter mysteries large and small all the time. You may wonder about science, spirituality, or everyday life. Will we ever discover life on other planets? Does God answer our prayers? How do I deal with the bullies at school?

When you're grappling with a puzzling question, trust yourself and do your best to figure it out. You can ask your friends and family for their ideas, but think about the best solution for you. God gave each of us an amazing brain for solving problems. Gather the facts, then rely on the answers that feel right in your own mind and heart.

Being curious about the world can make life an exciting adventure. What will you investigate today?

In this learning center, kids are exploring mysteries. Search the scene for words to complete the tips about being a super sleuth.



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1. Keep an ____ mind and put aside any prejudices you have about your topic.
2. Find people who know about your topic and ask a lot of ____.
3. Gather all the ____ you can find from books, newspapers, the Internet, and other sources.
4. Take ____ to keep track of ideas and clues you discover.
5. ____ at the topic from many different points of view.
6. When exploring science, try some ____.
7. Keep your eyes open and carefully ____ the world around you.
8. Brainstorm many possible ____ to your mystery, then figure out which one fits best.
9. Spend time daydreaming — your ____ is a great source of ideas!
10. Be patient and don't ____ up, even if you run into challenges.

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