

# DIG FOR THE FACTS

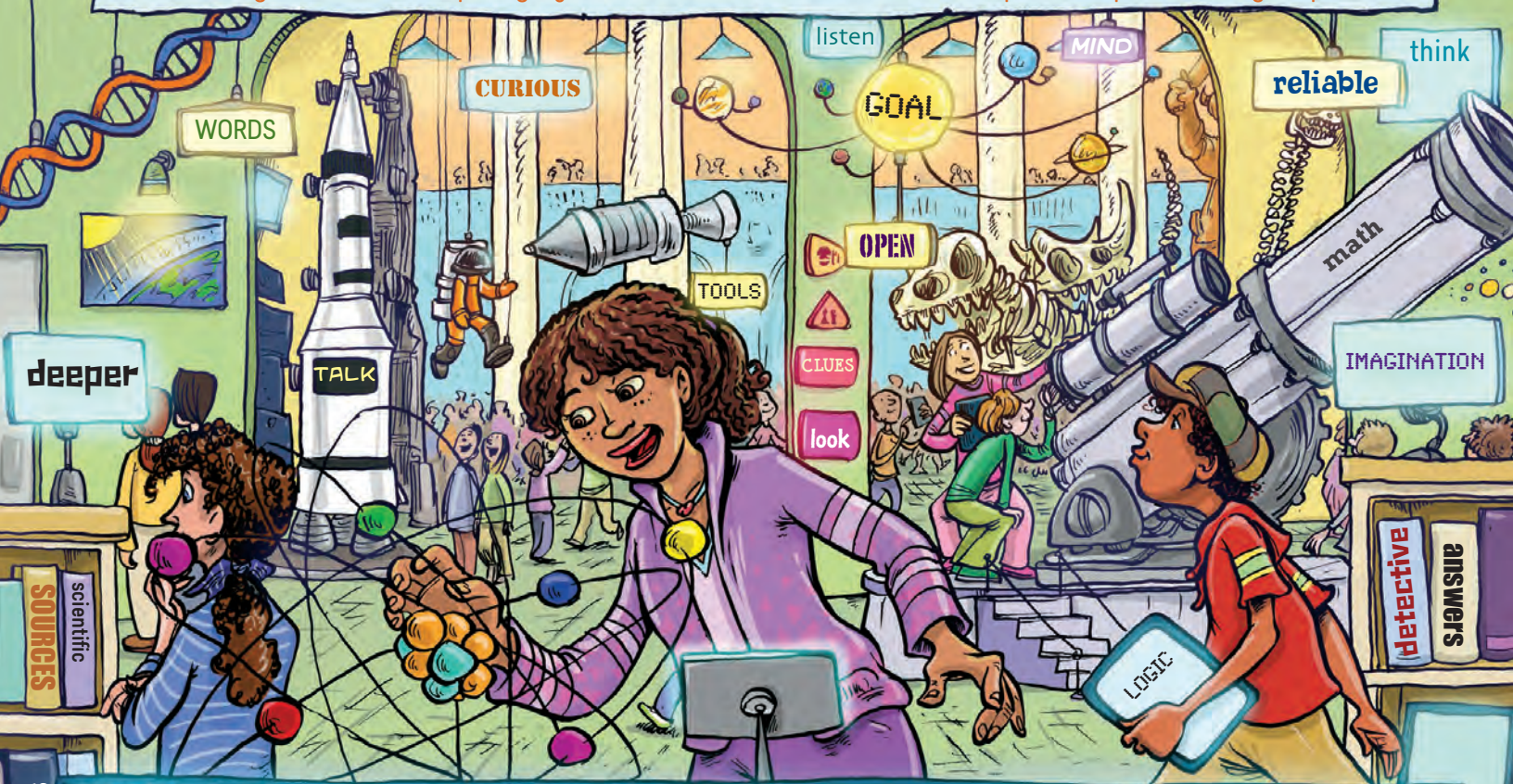
"Observe with your own eyes and not with those of others, hearken with your own ears and not with the ears of others, and discover mysteries with the help of your own consciences and not with those of others." —'Abdu'l-Bahá

An archaeologist studies a historic site, makes maps, and begins a meticulous dig through layers of earth. After a lot of time and effort, the work pays off. An ancient fossil or a piece of pottery reveals clues to fascinating stories about how life has evolved on Earth.

In a similar way, whether you're researching for

your science project or just for fun, you need patience, diligence, and curiosity when you're digging for information. If you're grappling with a puzzle, look closely at the situation from different points of view. Ask questions and gather as many facts as you can. You can develop the skills to unravel mysteries and unearth surprising treasures.

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



PROCESS

1. Keep an      mind and put aside any prejudices you have about your topic.
2. In online searches, use precise      to find the most useful information.
3. Use multiple           , including books, websites, videos, and interviews.
4. Analyze your findings to make sure they are         .
5. Watch for new words about your topic as you search, and use them to dig        .
6.      at the topic from many different points of view.
7. Focus on your      and filter out details that don't relate.
8.     to experts to get ideas about where to look and what to look for.
9. Think up many           to your mystery, then figure out which one fits best.
10. Spend time daydreaming—your           is a great source of ideas!