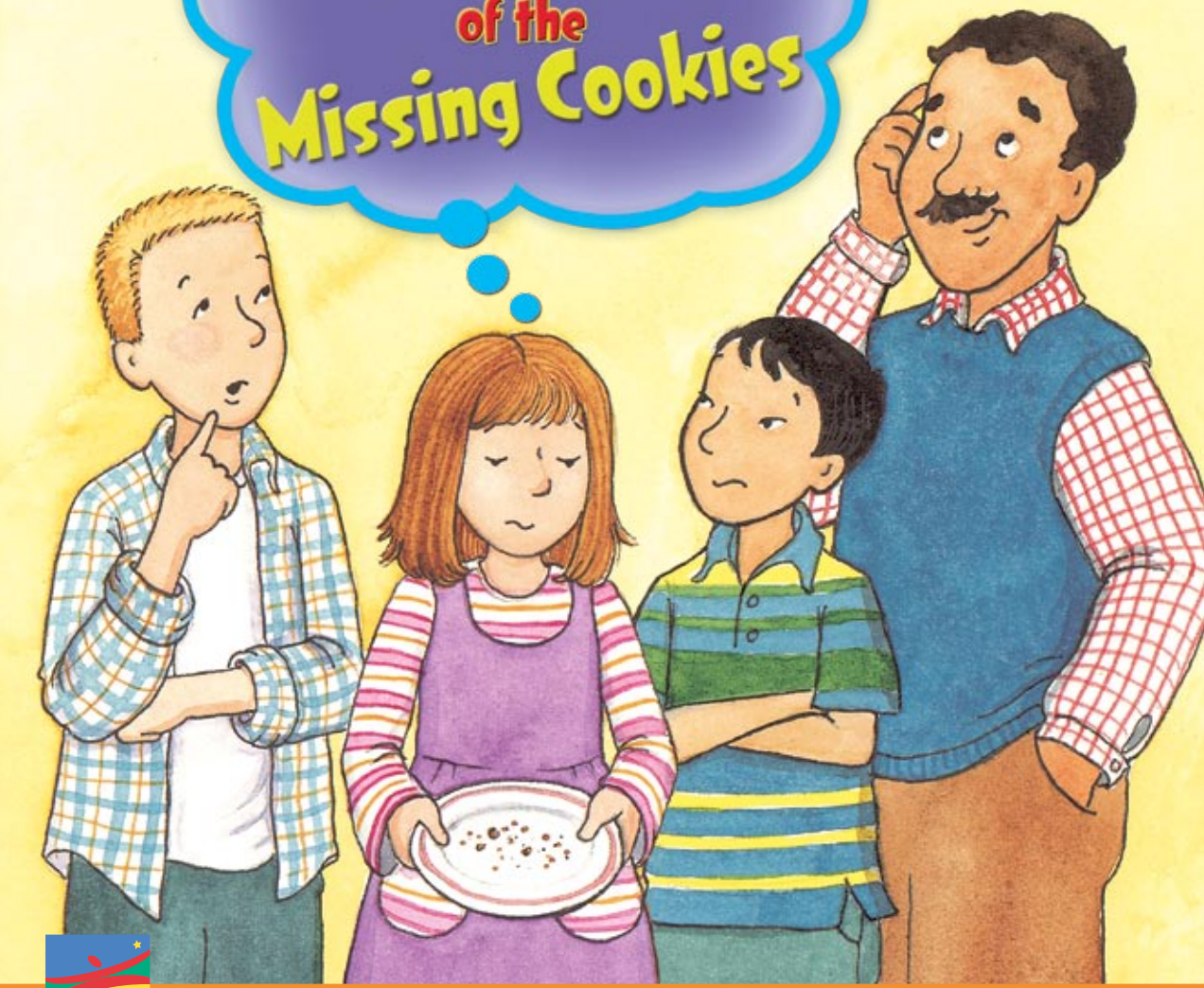
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Summary

Who ate the cookies? The Detective Club will need to use math to find out.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Ask questions

Comprehension
- Make predictions

Phonics
- Long a digraphs (they, today, waited)

Word Study
- Adjectives (bigger, first, second, small, third)

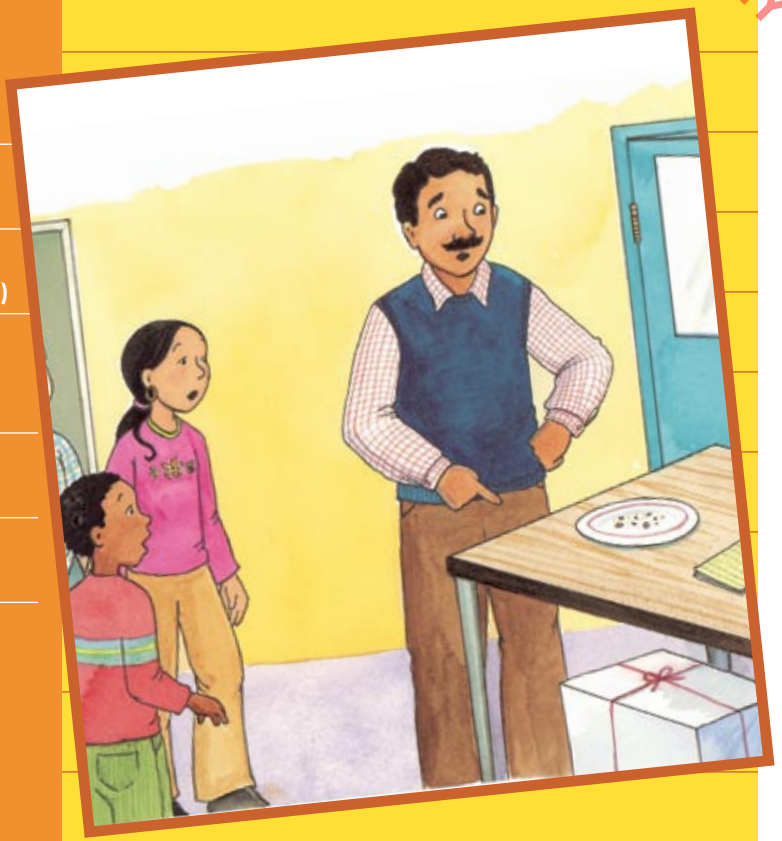
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- Read question marks

Fiction Genre
- Mystery

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How is the mystery solved?

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Eric



Emma



Joe

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Kate



Rebecca

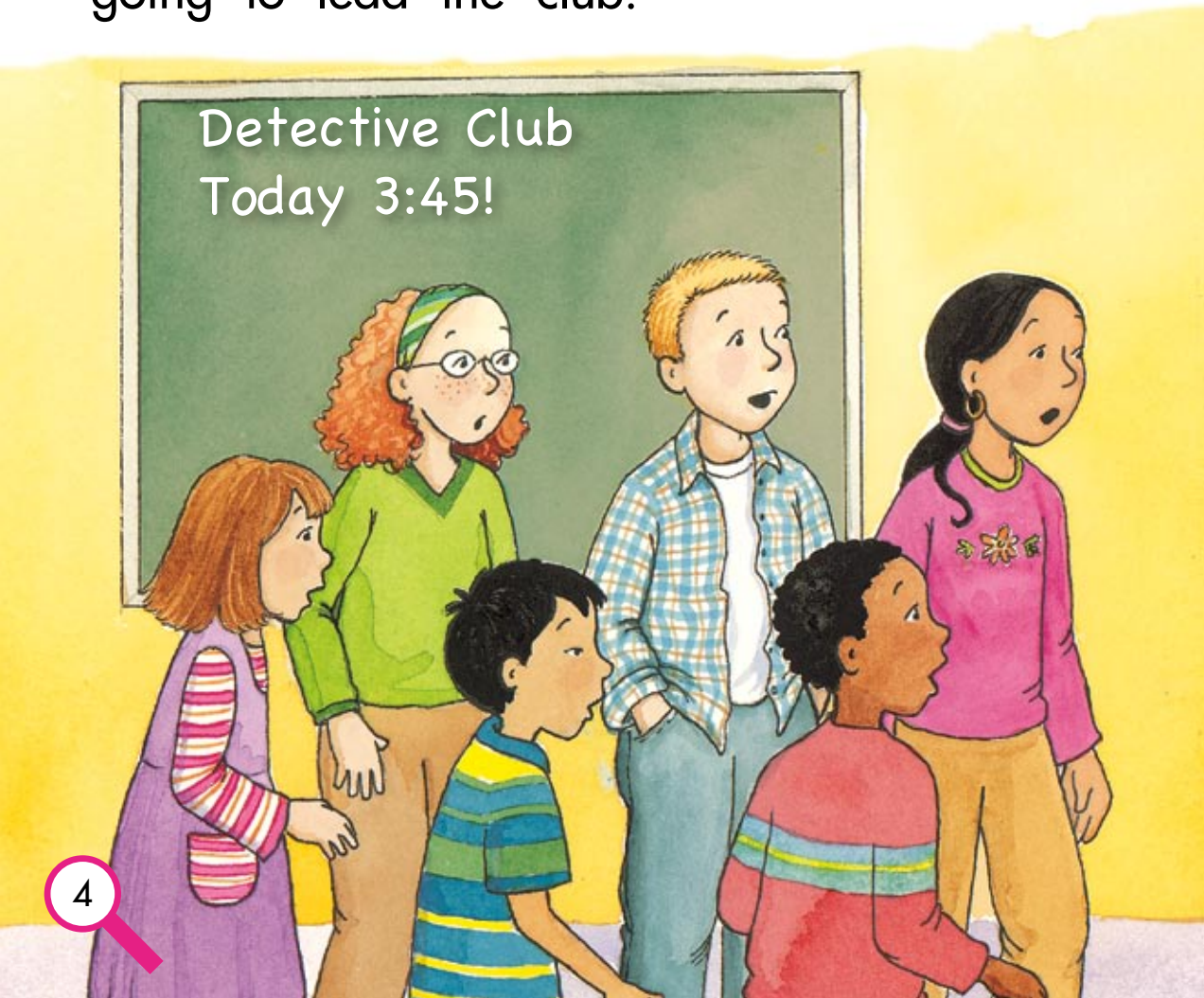


Mr. Soto

Mr. Soto Needs Help

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Today was the first meeting of the Detective Club. The meeting was after school. Six kids hurried into Mr. Soto's room. Mr. Soto was going to lead the club.



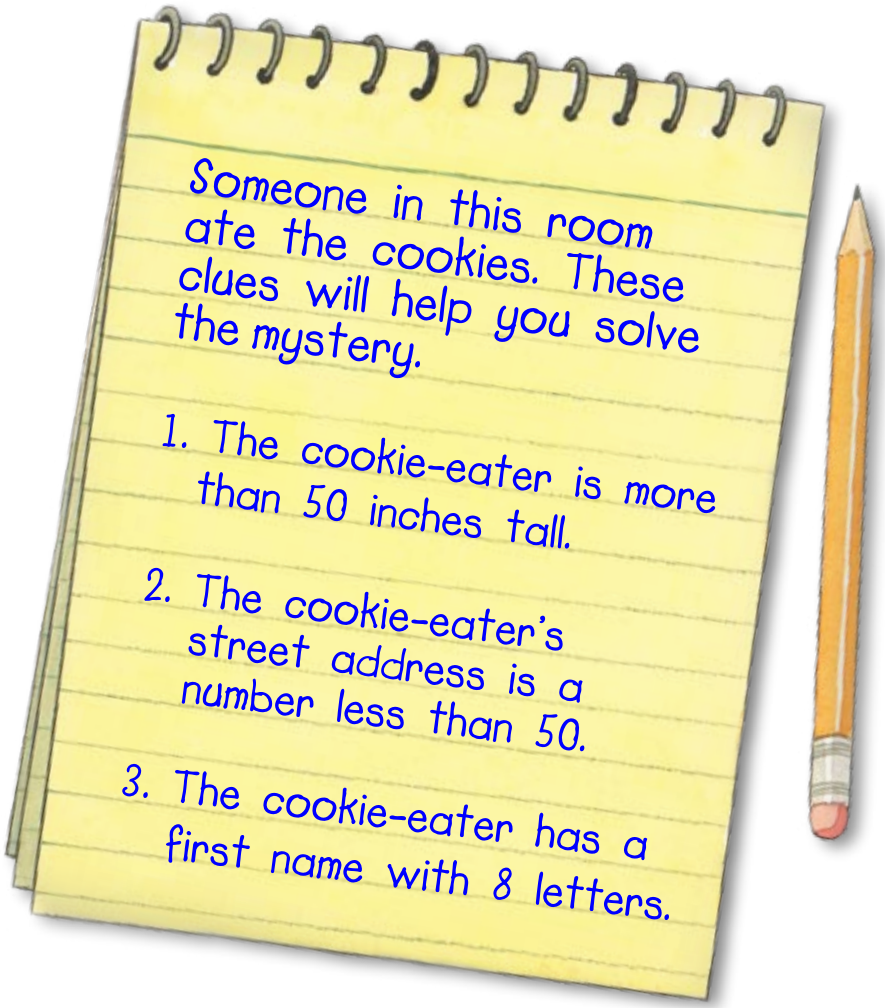
The kids talked while they waited for Mr. Soto. When Mr. Soto came into the room, he looked upset. "Oh, no! Look on the table!" said Mr. Soto. He pointed to a note and a plate.



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"I brought cookies for our first meeting," said Mr. Soto. But the plate had no cookies. The plate had only crumbs. Then Mr. Soto read the note aloud. The note said:

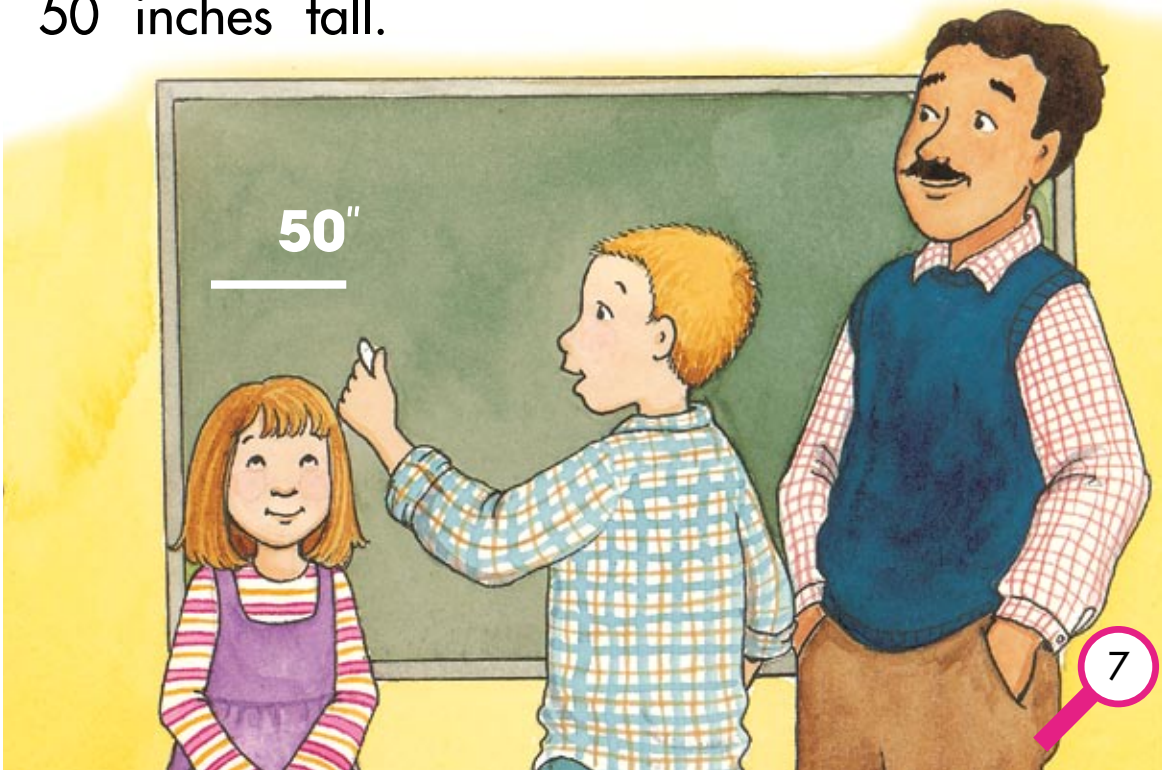


The Clues

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"We must solve the mystery before we start the meeting," said Mr. Soto.

Joe said, "Let me solve the first clue." Joe measured 50 inches. He drew a line on the chalkboard. All the children stood by the line. Only 3 children were more than 50 inches tall.



Connor, Emma, and Eric did not eat the cookies. But 3 kids were still on the list. Emma said, "We must solve the next clue."

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The second clue was about numbers in addresses. The number had to be less than 50. The 3 kids still on the list stood up. Rebecca, Joe, and Kate wrote their addresses on cards.

