The Detective Notebook

Noticing Awareness

A weekly notebook for noticing small details.
Look closely. Find patterns. Listen. Check your work.

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My name _____



Four lenses. Five levels. One sharp eye.

Prepared by Randi Whitney

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The Detective Notebook: Noticing Awareness, Grades 2 and 3

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Name _____ Date _____

I Noticed ___

Pick one small thing in your classroom. Sketch it in the box. Show its shape, lines, and tiny details.

My sketch

I noticed _____

because _____

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Find the Pattern Breaker

Each row follows a pattern, but one shape breaks it. Circle the shape that does not belong.

Pattern 1



Pattern 2



My rule for Pattern 1:

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My rule for Pattern 2:

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Pick the Stronger Word

Two words can mean almost the same thing, but one paints a clearer picture. Circle the stronger word in each pair.

a. said b. shouted

The coach ___ across the field.

a. ran b. dashed

The rabbit ___ from the fox.

a. happy b. thrilled

Mia was ___ with her prize.

a. big b. huge

A ___ wave hit the shore.

Now use one strong word in your own sentence:

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Does It Make Sense? Lemonade

Read like a reader. This story skips one step. Find the hole in the story, then write the missing step.

Ben Makes Lemonade

Ben poured water into the pitcher.

He stirred with a spoon.

He poured a glass and took a sip.

The missing step is:

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Why does the story need this step?

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