

the MILO & JAZZ MYSTERIES

SUPER SLEUTHING PUZZLES

A Note from Dash Marlowe

Greetings, Milo and Jazz,

Congratulations on solving—yes!—your tenth case! I'm proud of you two. You've retrieved a lucky talisman (remember those stinky socks?), exposed a phony psychic, nabbed a thief, saved an election, unmasked a scammer. . . . I can't help wondering what will be next!

Of course, you don't want to slack off now. Stay in shape with these tricky puzzles and mini-mysteries!

Happy Sleuthing!

—Dash Marlowe



Warm Up!

Rev up your minds with these brain stretchers.

1. How many numbers between one and one hundred have an *a* in their spelling?

2. How can a man go 10 days without sleep?

3. What two keys can't open any lock? (Hint: Think animals.)

4. What happened in 1961 that won't happen again until the year 6009?

Spot the Difference: An Observation Puzzle

This is the evil Dinoman, movie monster extraordinaire. The actor who plays him has a double who does some of his tough stunts. Naturally, the Dinoman costume and the stunt double's costume should look exactly alike. But oops! The costume department got careless. See if you can spot the six differences!

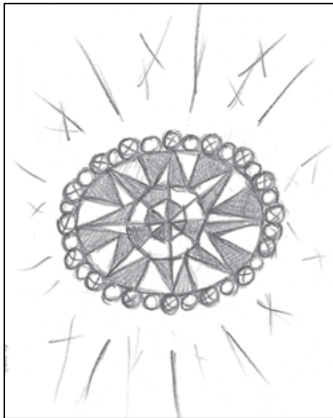
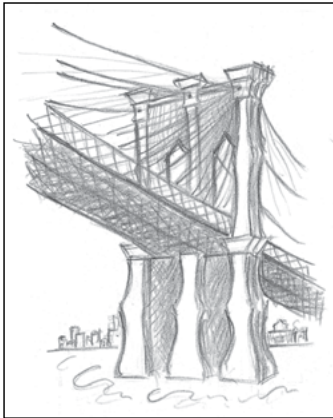
Dinoman

Dinoman double



Write down the differences you see.

Scammed: A Logic Puzzle



Three ex-robbers knew a lot about crime, but they still got scammed! See if you can figure out what each guy was fooled into buying and what he did with what he bought.

Look at the clues and fill in the answer box where you can. Then read the clues again to find the answer.

- Clue 1** One guy was scammed into thinking he'd bought the Brooklyn Bridge. When he found out, he tried to trade it for the Golden Gate.
- Clue 2** Louie was not the one who bought a big diamond that was actually made of glass.
- Clue 3** Sal paid a bundle for "beautiful waterside property!" (It turned out to be underwater.)
- Clue 4** Rocky just kept what he bought, because it was so pretty.
- Clue 5** One guy borrowed a boat.

Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
What he bought			
What he did			

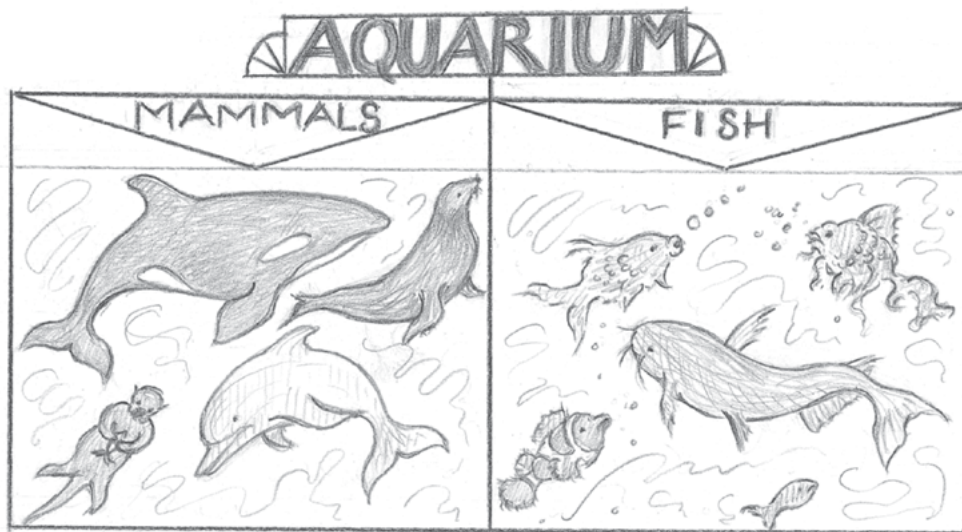
Something Fishy: A Mini-Mystery

Every criminal lies. So naturally, every detective has to be ready to spot a lie. Read this, turn on your mental lie detector, and draw a conclusion!

I was strolling around the city aquarium when I ran into a client, Myra Hode, who was about to inherit a lot of money. She was with a tall, thin, bearded man. With great excitement she said that he was her long-lost cousin, Ezra, who had suddenly appeared—just in time to share her inheritance! Ezra was a scientist who had disappeared 10 years earlier when he tried to cross the Pacific alone in a small sailboat. The man smiled and told me a dramatic story of being marooned on a tiny island, barely surviving until he was finally rescued. “For a scientist it had its upside,” he said. “Observing wildlife close up. Beautiful seabirds. Huge fish, like whales and dolphins. Sharks, of course . . .”

I turned to Myra and said, “This man is a fake. Don’t give him one dime.”

How did I know?



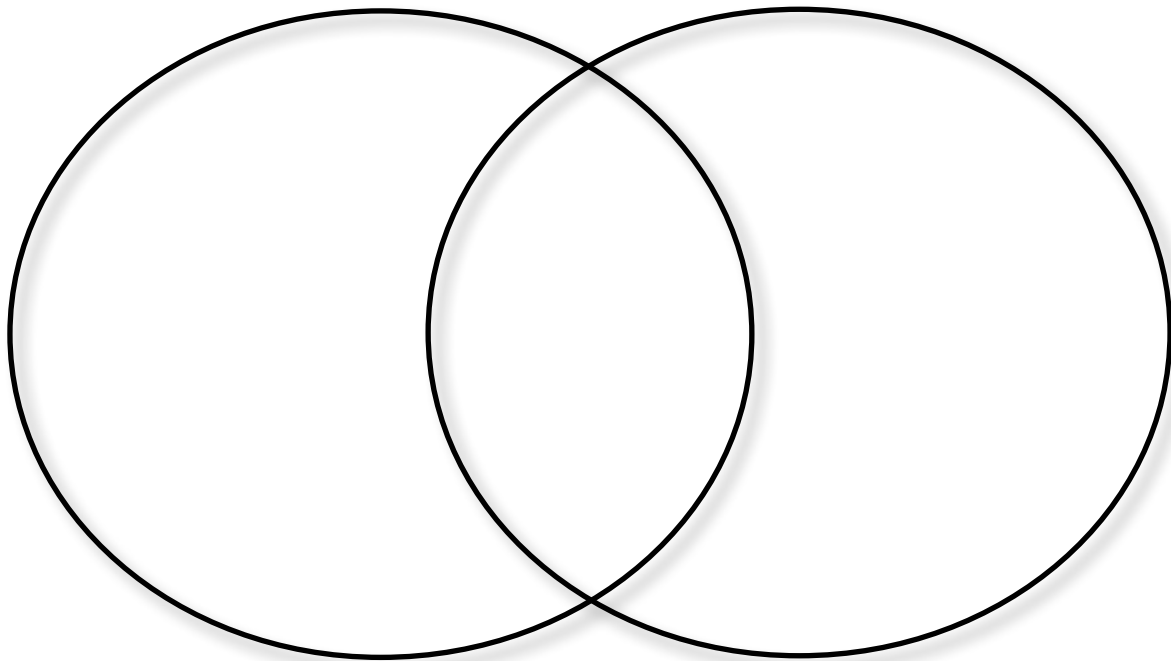
Write your conclusions.

Dash's Dilemma: A Venn Diagram Puzzle

It was vacation time and I knew what I wanted—a faraway place with great beaches and plenty of criminals to catch (in case I got bored). That was a challenge. But I used a Venn diagram, and in no time I had two perfect choices. Take a look at these lists, draw a Venn diagram (or “double bubble” chart), and see what my choices were.

High Crime Rate! Mugville, Crooksville-by-the-Sea, Smuggler’s Cove, Thugtown, Burglar’s Beach, Mayhem, Cape Felony, Robber’s Lagoon

Great Beaches! Silver Sands, Nemo Bay, Mermaid’s Delight, Burglar’s Beach, Sandy Landing, Smuggler’s Cove, Luna’s Lagoon, Catfish Coast



Answer:

The two perfect choices are:

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Warm Up!

1. None. (Try it yourself!)
2. He sleeps at night.
3. A donkey and a monkey.
4. You can read the year upside down!

Spot the Difference: An Observation Puzzle

Answer: Dinoman has curved horns, curved teeth, a ring on one claw, no heel on his right boot, no design on his shirt, and no spikes on his tail. The Dinoman double has straight horns, pointed teeth, no ring, heels on both boots, a design on his shirt, and three spikes on his tail.

Scammed: A Logic Puzzle

Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
What he bought	<i>a big diamond</i>	<i>the Brooklyn Bridge</i>	<i>waterside property</i>
What he did	<i>kept it</i>	<i>tried to trade it</i>	<i>borrowed a boat</i>

Answer:

When Louie realized he'd been scammed, he tried to trade the Brooklyn Bridge for the Golden Gate.

Rocky bought the fake diamond and held onto it because it was so pretty.

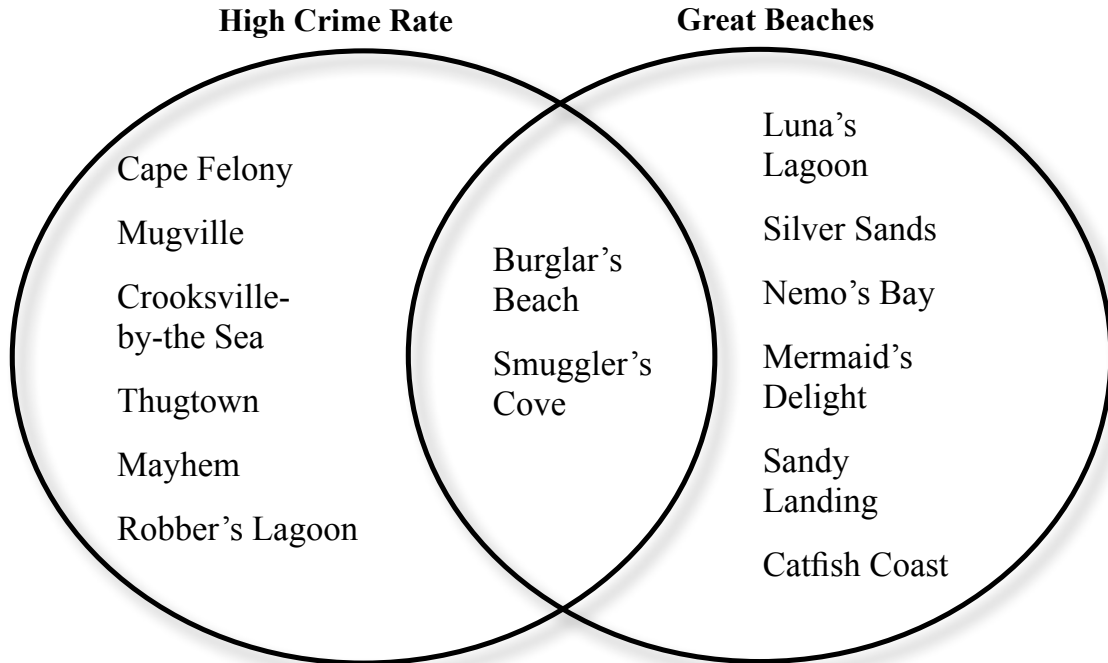
Sal snapped up the waterfront property. When he found out it was underwater, he simply borrowed a boat!

Something Fishy: A Mini-Mystery

Answer: Any scientist would know that whales are *mammals*, not fish. “Ezra” turned out to be the notorious con man Freddie the Faker.

Dash’s Dilemma: A Venn Diagram Puzzle

Venn Diagram



Answer: Burglar’s Beach and Smuggler’s Cove. Each has gorgeous beaches and plenty of crime. Obviously, I had to visit both.