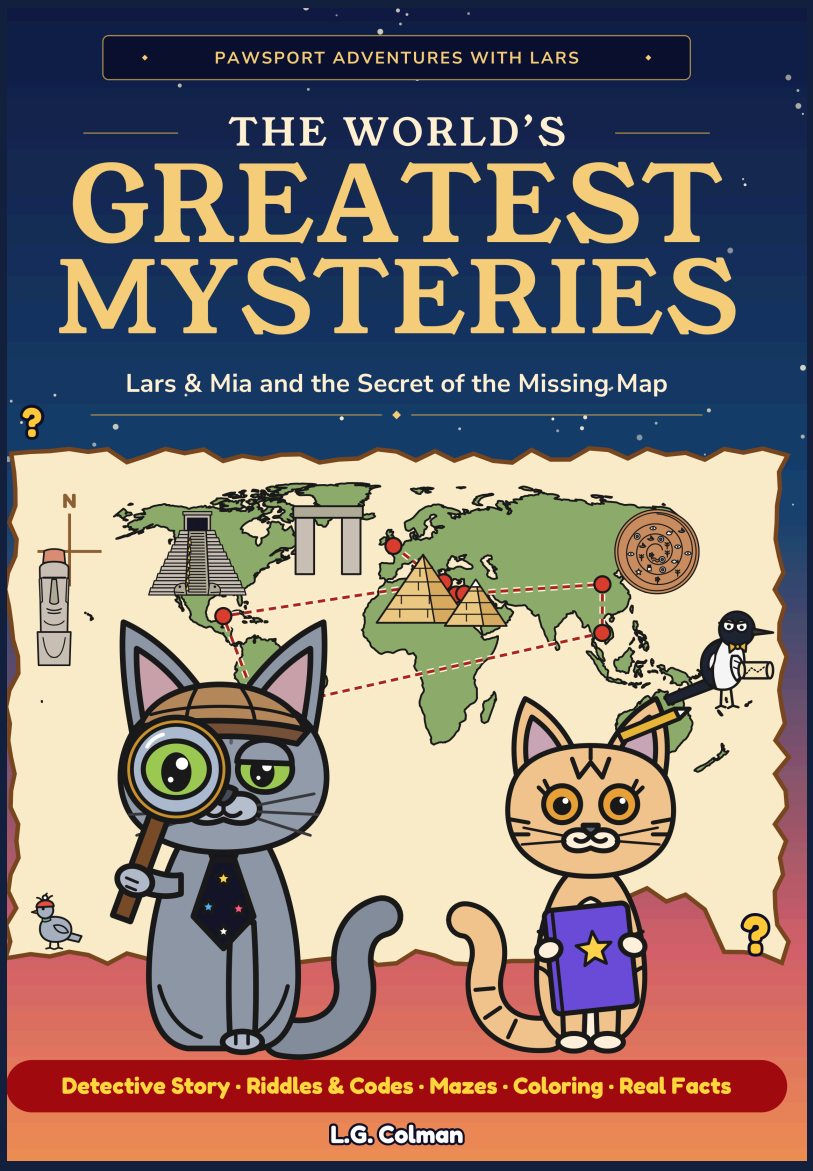
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Junior Detective Starter Kit



Detective ID · Secret Mystery Code · Crime Scene Search
Ada Quill's First Riddle · Coloring Page · Fact-or-Myth Quiz

Print it, grab a pencil, and join Lars & Mia on the case!

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STEP 1 · GET YOUR BADGE

Official Detective ID

Every great detective needs an ID. Fill in yours, then cut it out and keep it in your pocket.

LARS & MIA EXPLORERS CLUB · DETECTIVE ID

Draw yourself here

Detective name: _____

Age: _____ Lucky number: _____

Super skill: _____

Signature: _____

STEP 2 · LEARN THE CODE

The Mystery Code

Ada Quill hid her secrets in numbers. Turn each number into a letter: **A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 … Z = 26**.

A 1	**B** 2	**C** 3	**D** 4	**E** 5	**F** 6	**G** 7	**H** 8	**I** 9	**J** 10	**K** 11	**L** 12	**M** 13
N 14	**O** 15	**P** 16	**Q** 17	**R** 18	**S** 19	**T** 20	**U** 21	**V** 22	**W** 23	**X** 24	**Y** 25	**Z** 26

Warm-up: decode Lars's favorite food

6 · 9 · 19 · 8 = ___ ___ ___ ___

Now decode Mia's detective rule

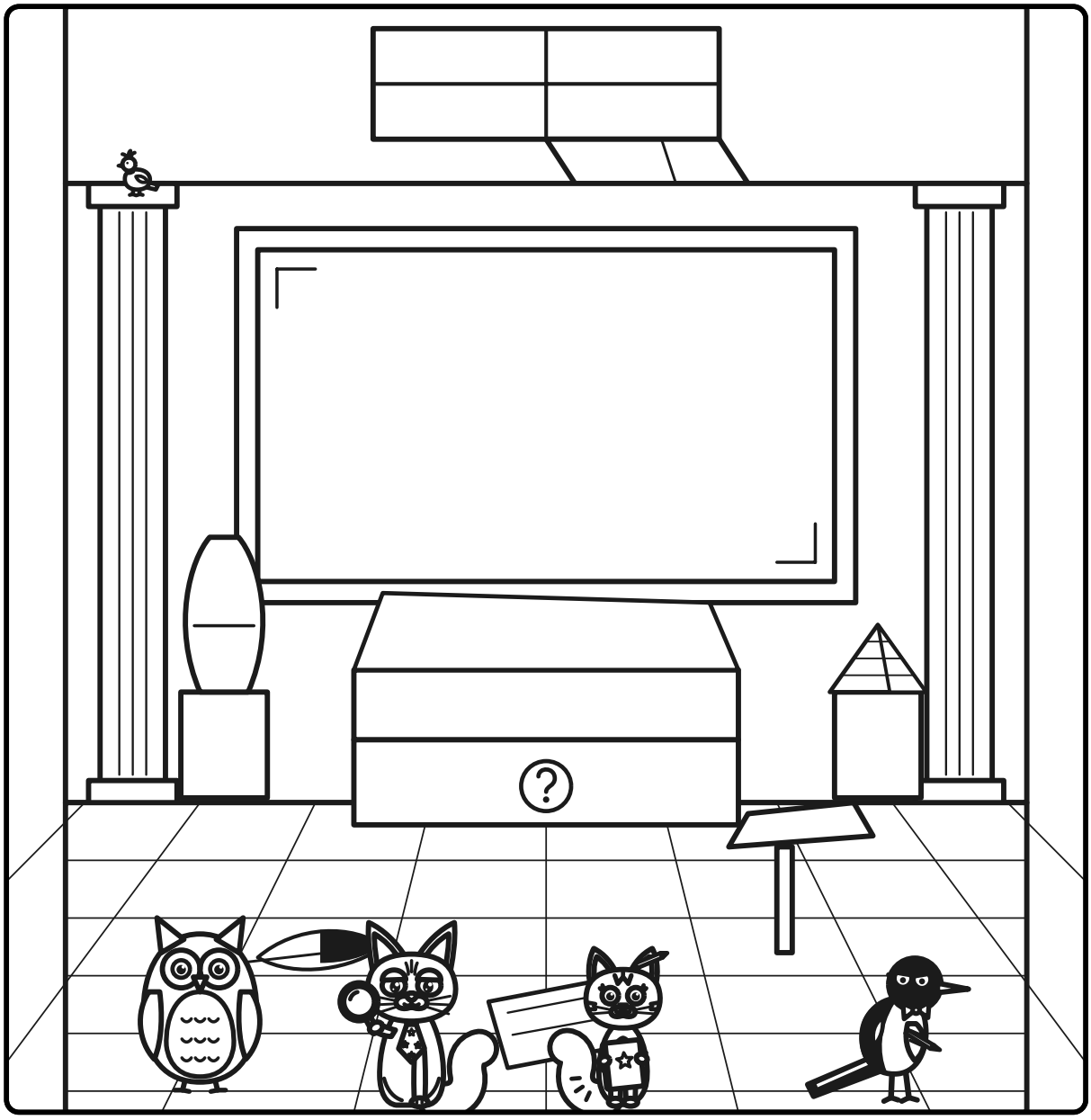
1 · 19 · 11 23 · 8 · 25 = ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Answers are on the last page. No peeking!

CHAPTER 0 · DETECTIVE PUZZLE

Search the Crime Scene!

Look carefully at the museum. Circle these 7 things, then color the picture.



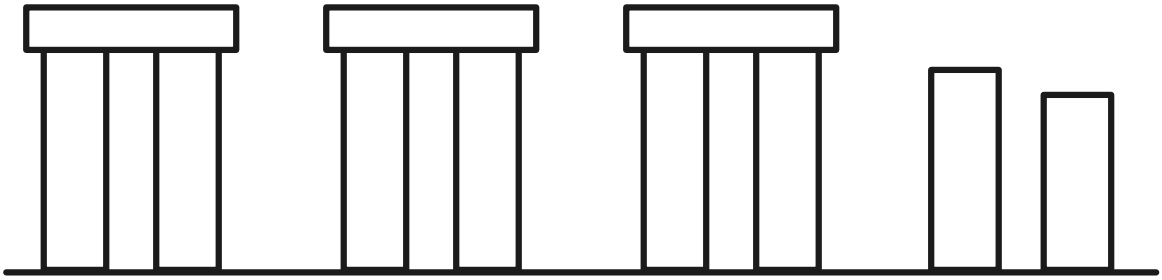
- ☐ the open skylight
- ☐ the note in gold ink
- ☐ the guestbook
- ☐ Pierre the pigeon (hiding!)
- ☐ a black-and-white feather
- ☐ the brass question mark
- ☐ a gold fountain pen

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ADA QUILL'S RIDDLE · No. 1

Crack the Riddle!

Three stone doorways stand in my heart. Each doorway is made of 3 stones: two standing up and one lying on top. Two more stones stand alone beside them. Count every stone. Then turn the number into a letter with the Mystery Code.



stones in all: _____

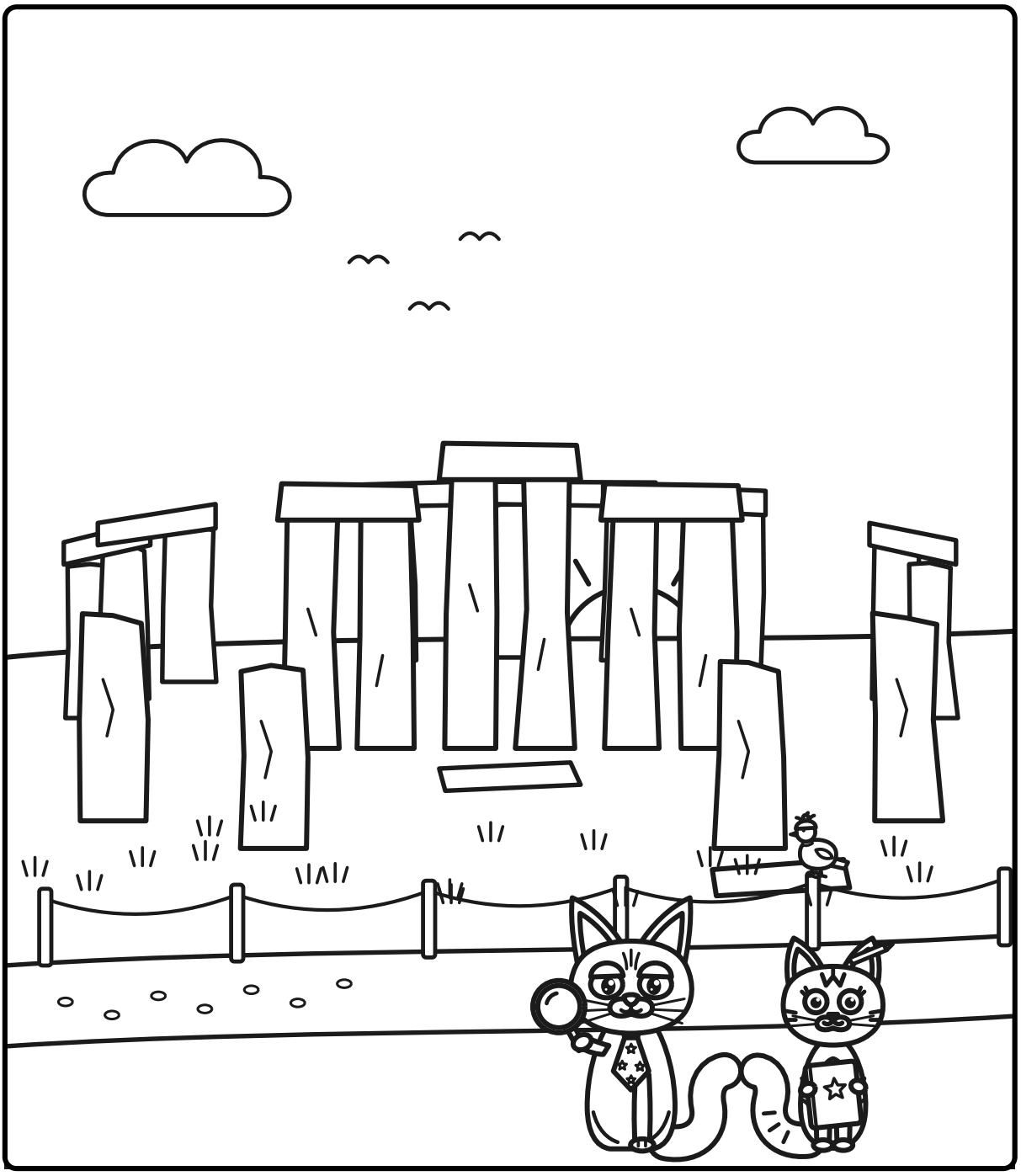
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	**O**	**P**	**Q**	**R**	**S**	**T**	**U**	**V**	**W**	**X**	**Y**	**Z**
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

MY LETTER

Lars says: 3 doorways + 2 stones = 5. So the letter is E! Is Lars right? Check his answer!

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STEP 5 · COLOR STONEHENGE AND FIND PIERRE THE PIGEON



Color the picture! Pierre is hiding somewhere, wearing a wool hat. Can you find him?

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STEP 6 · THINK LIKE A DETECTIVE

Fact, Myth or Mystery?

A good detective never says "I KNOW!" too fast. First ask: **what is the evidence?** Circle one answer for each sentence.

FACT = scientists know it is true. **MYTH** = an old story or a silly guess. **MYSTERY** = nobody knows yet!

1	The Great Pyramid of Giza has about 2.3 million stone blocks.	FACT MYTH MYSTERY
2	Stonehenge was built by giants in one weekend.	FACT MYTH MYSTERY
3	What the signs on the Phaistos Disc mean.	FACT MYTH MYSTERY
4	The clay soldiers of the Terracotta Army face east.	FACT MYTH MYSTERY
5	The Nazca Lines in Peru were drawn by aliens.	FACT MYTH MYSTERY
6	The Inca built Machu Picchu high in the Andes mountains.	FACT MYTH MYSTERY

Bonus detective question: Someone stole the Great Map of Mysteries from a museum. The note was written in shiny gold ink, and the skylight was open. Who would YOU suspect, and why?

_____

_____

CASE CLOSED?

Answers

Warm-up: 6·9·19·8 = **FISH** (of course!)
Mia's rule: 1·19·11 23·8·25 = **ASK WHY**

Fact, Myth or Mystery?
1 Fact · 2 Myth · 3 Mystery · 4 Fact · 5 Myth · 6 Fact

Crime scene: all 7 things are in the picture. Look high, look low, and look for the pigeon!

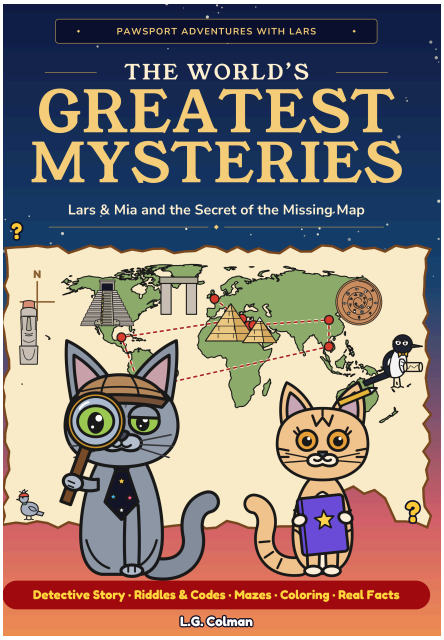
Ada Quill's riddle: Lars counted the doorways, not the stones. Count every single stone, then use the Mystery Code. Your letter is the first of ten secret letters in the book!

Ready for the whole case?

Follow Lars & Mia to Stonehenge, the Pyramids, Petra, the Terracotta Army, Angkor Wat, Rapa Nui, the Nazca Lines, Machu Picchu, Chichén Itzá and Crete. Ten real wonders, ten riddles, mazes, codes, coloring pages, a suspect board and one sneaky thief.

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