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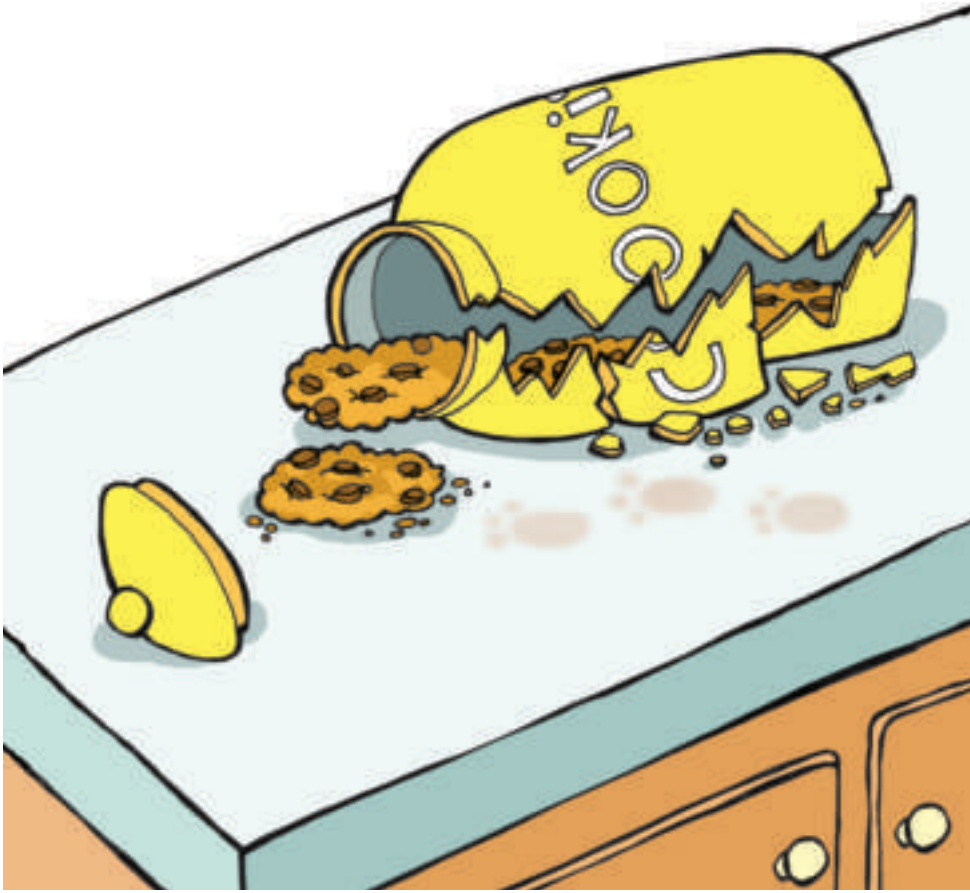
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Look at the picture. What do you see?

Who do you think broke the cookie jar?





Was it the dog? Was it the cat?  
Was it Grandma or Joe? Look at the  
paw prints among the pieces of the  
cookie jar? Are the paw prints big or  
little?



Do you think that the cat broke the  
jar? If so, you are right. Good for you!  
That's what a detective does. A  
detective works at figuring out what  
happened.







The paw prints by the broken cookie jar were a clue. A clue helps you tell what happened.

Detectives always look for clues.



Did you see a cat go by?



I saw a yellow cat go that way.



Sometimes, you can't find a clue by just looking. There may be none around. Instead, you can ask people questions. This might lead you to the right answer.





There are different kinds of detectives. Some are police officers. They help solve crimes.

Another type of detective is a private detective. People pay private detectives to find lost people and things.

Would you like to be a detective?



1. How are the paw prints of a cat and a dog alike? How are they different?
2. What do you do if you don't understand what you're reading?
3. Think of words you know that have the same vowel sound as *look*. Write them on a word-family ladder like this.

Word-Family Ladder
look

4. If Grandma broke the cookie jar, what clues might you find?

