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STUDENT HANDOUT

YELLOW LEVEL
GRADE LEVEL

Brain Detective

Grades 1–2

ADMIT ONE

NAME

DATE

CLASS

Your brain doesn't just see things—it makes predictions about what things are based on what it expects. This is usually helpful! But sometimes your brain's prediction is wrong.

PART 1

O1

The Scrambled Sentence Test

You were able to read this:

“I cna raed tihs eevn wehn its msesed up”

...because your brain predicted what the words should be!

Try it yourself: Write your own scrambled sentence and see if a friend can read it:

WRITE YOUR SCRAMBLED SENTENCE HERE

PART 2

O2

When Should I Check?

Write or draw examples of times you should be a Brain Detective and check before deciding:

1. Before I decide someone is _____
2. Before I think I lost _____
3. Before I believe _____

PART 3

03

My Brain Detective Rules

Fill in the blanks:

When something looks wrong, I will _____

Before I get upset, I will _____

If I'm not sure, I will _____

PART 4

04

Write Your Own Brain Detective Story

Write about a time when you (or someone you know) made a wrong guess and had to check to find out the truth:

What was the wrong guess? _____

What was the truth? _____

WRITE OR DRAW YOUR STORY HERE

MINI MUSEUM CONNECTION

Over 100 years ago, people LOVED eye tricks! At the Mini Museum, you can see a stereoscope that makes flat pictures look 3D, and cards that change when you move them.

SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Family Challenge: Play “Spot the Difference” together! Find two similar pictures online or in a magazine. How many differences can you find?

Tell your family what you learned: “Our brains make predictions. Sometimes we need to check before we decide!”

PART 5

05

Think About It

Why do you think our brains try to make guesses instead of waiting to see everything?