



# School-Home Connection

**Your child is reading “The Case of Pablo’s Nose” by Donald Sobol.** In this story, a young artist named Pablo Pizzaro creates a new nose for a damaged statue of Abraham Lincoln. When the nose is stolen, Pablo turns to Encyclopedia Brown, famous boy detective, to catch the thief. The activities on this page give you and your child a chance to develop your child’s language skills while exploring mysteries.

## A Family of Detectives

Find out who’s the super sleuth in your household. With your child, visit the library to borrow a book in the Encyclopedia Brown series. Gather your family members, and read aloud one of the mysteries in it. Stop at several points during the story to let family members tell what they think the solution to the mystery is. Have someone note what each person says. Then, when Encyclopedia Brown solves the mystery, check to see who made the first accurate guess.

## Vocabulary

### Say a Sentence

Your child has learned the following new vocabulary words while reading “The Case of Pablo’s Nose”:

retorted	muttered
strengthening	alibi
straightaway	sculptor

Discuss the meanings of these words. Then call out each word, and have your child make up a sentence that shows how it was used in the story.



### TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

## Create Clues

You and your child can create a treasure hunt. First, hide an object. Then write clues with each clue hinting at where to find the next clue, and the last clue hinting at where to find the object. Then hide the clues. Invite a family member to follow the clues to the object.

## Watch a Mystery

You and your child might enjoy watching a mystery program on television together. As you watch, talk about the characters, list the clues you notice, and predict the solution. Then, at the end of the program, you can evaluate how skillful you were as detectives.

