

# Detective LB and Hopper Teaching Notes



# Detective LB and Hopper: The Case of the Missing Chocolate Frogs

## Synopsis

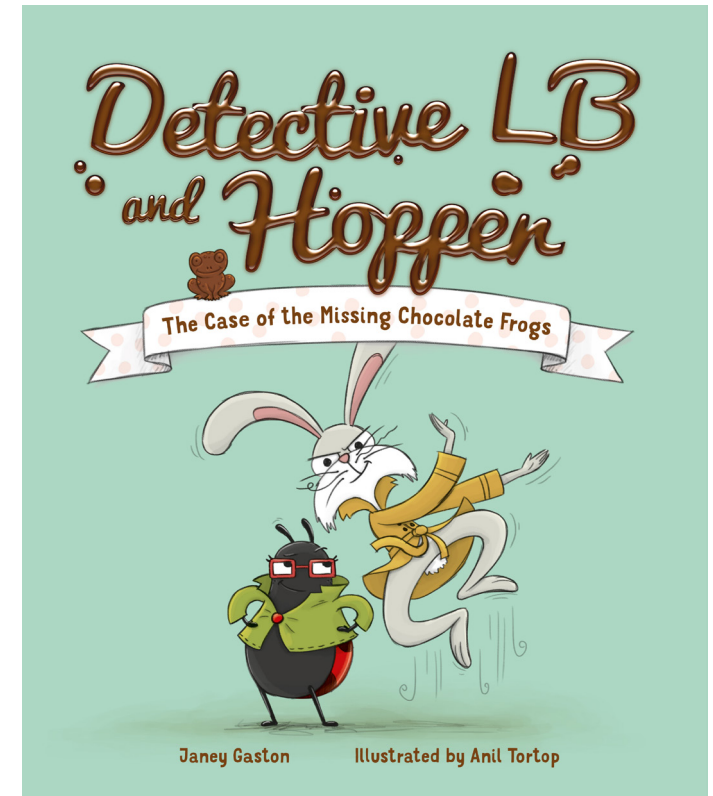
Detective LB and Hopper have a mystery to solve. They set out to the Poppycat Candy Company with two magnifying glasses, a hat, two comic books and three carrots. Will they be able to solve the case of the disappearing chocolate frogs?

## About the Author

Janey Gaston lives in Shreveport, Louisiana. Graduating in 2017 with her master's degree in nursing, Janey works as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner with both children and adults. Working with children, she discovered her passion for writing, particularly whilst attempting to put a smile on their faces. Reading and mysteries have been an influential part of her life since she was very young and would play "detective" with her grandmother. Her hobbies include reading, watching movies (particularly superhero flicks) and enjoying life with her friends, family, and cat, Poppy. Inspiration, for her, comes from a deep desire to show children they are special.

## About the Illustrator

Anil Tortop was born and raised in Turkey. She moved to Australia in 2011 and has been trying to get used to the local eight-legged house intruders ever since. She has a degree in animation and has created animated apps, TV games and multimedia educational materials. She has now illustrated over 30 children's books! She lives and works with her husband in Brisbane. Anil loves making and eating bliss balls and the smell of fresh books. See more of her work on social media @aniltortop and at [www.aniltortop.com](http://www.aniltortop.com)



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# Discussion Topics and Activities

## Discussion Topics

1. Show the children the front cover of the books and ask them if they can read the title. What do they think the story is about?
2. After reading the story, ask the children who their favourite character was and why? What did they enjoy about the story?
3. Like Poppy Cat, do you send sweets or presents to your grandparents? If you do, what kind of things do you send?
4. Do you like superheroes like Hopper? Who is your favourite hero or heroine and why?
5. What do you think makes a good detective story? (Some ideas: an interesting mystery, a clever detective, a fun sidekick or partner, a twist in the story etc).
6. Do you know any famous detectives or detective stories? (Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple - the children might be familiar with these characters due to their parents).
7. Why do you think Hopper decided not to tell LB that he was the one who caught Pepper?

## Activities

### Activity 1 Matching Adjectives

Match up the adjectives with the correct character.

### Activity 2 Design Your Own Candy

Can you design a new sweet to be sold in Poppycat's Candy Company?

### Activity 3 Word Search

Can you find all the sweets in Poppycat's Candy Company?



# Matching Adjectives

An adjective is a describing word. Lots of adjectives have been used in the story to describe the different characters. In the exercise below, there are two columns, one with the characters in Detective LB and Hopper and the other has adjectives used in the story to describe them. Can you match the adjective with the right character?

## Adjectives

SPIRITED

FLUFFY

TINY

SERIOUS

## Characters

DETECTIVE LB



HOPPER



MR. POPPY



PEPPER



# Design Your Own Candy

In the space below design your own creative confectionary that could be sold in Poppycat's Candy Company. It can be any kind of sweet you want, and you can make notes about your design and flavours.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin teal border, intended for students to draw and write their candy designs and notes.

# Poppycat's Candy Word Search

Can you find all the candy in Poppycat's sweet shop?

Find these sweets:

Gumballs

Lollipops

Chocolate

Jelly Beans

Gummy Bears

Fudge

Sherbert

G	X	G	J	C	O	F	Z	L	T	S	U	B
C	I	U	E	H	U	N	K	J	R	P	Z	H
N	B	M	L	O	Y	G	I	D	E	O	S	H
P	K	M	L	C	W	I	D	X	B	P	G	Q
U	J	Y	Y	O	S	W	G	A	R	I	T	S
U	N	B	B	L	H	L	I	L	E	L	F	M
I	H	E	E	A	M	L	L	D	H	L	T	P
V	E	A	A	T	L	J	I	A	S	O	E	A
F	F	R	N	E	Q	R	G	I	B	L	V	M
U	C	S	S	F	U	D	G	E	U	M	G	A
D	P	K	B	N	Z	M	B	G	I	L	U	O
Q	K	O	N	N	A	G	W	D	L	R	A	G
Q	E	X	F	T	F	X	C	P	F	L	Y	W



# Poppycat's Candy Word Search Solution

G	X	G	J	C	O	F	Z	L	T	S	U	B
C	I	U	E	H	U	N	K	J	R	P	Z	H
N	B	M	L	O	Y	G	I	D	E	O	S	H
P	K	M	L	C	W	I	D	X	B	P	G	Q
U	J	Y	Y	O	S	W	G	A	R	I	T	S
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