



*"The Grinch Who Stole  
A Christmas Star"*

**A Puzzling Mystery and Online Adventure  
STUDENT HANDOUTS**

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## "The Grinch Who Stole A Christmas Star" Notetaking Sheet



**DIRECTIONS:** A reward is being offered for the recovery and return of a stolen jeweled tree-topper. Use the clues and links in the Google Earth project to locate the stolen item. Fill in the blanks on this sheet to keep track of clues.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LOCATION OF CRIME:</b> | 77 Diamonds Jewelers, London, England, UK                    |
| <b>SUSPECT:</b>           | Tobias Grinn, AKA "The Grinch"                               |
| <b>STOLEN GOODS:</b>      | 1 diamond-studded Christmas Star tree topper<br>and necklace |
| <b>MARKET VALUE:</b>      | \$_____ (U.S.) Case # L5621                                  |

**FIRST STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(number of nights)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(word on display)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(display number)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of river)

**SECOND STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(inside boat)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of feet)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(type of light)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of tea garden)

**THIRD STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(workers Santa salutes)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(ZIP code)

**FOURTH STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(two-word clue)      Cove      \_\_\_\_\_,  
(number of eggs)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(like Santa's sack)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(type of tiny fish)

**FIFTH STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_

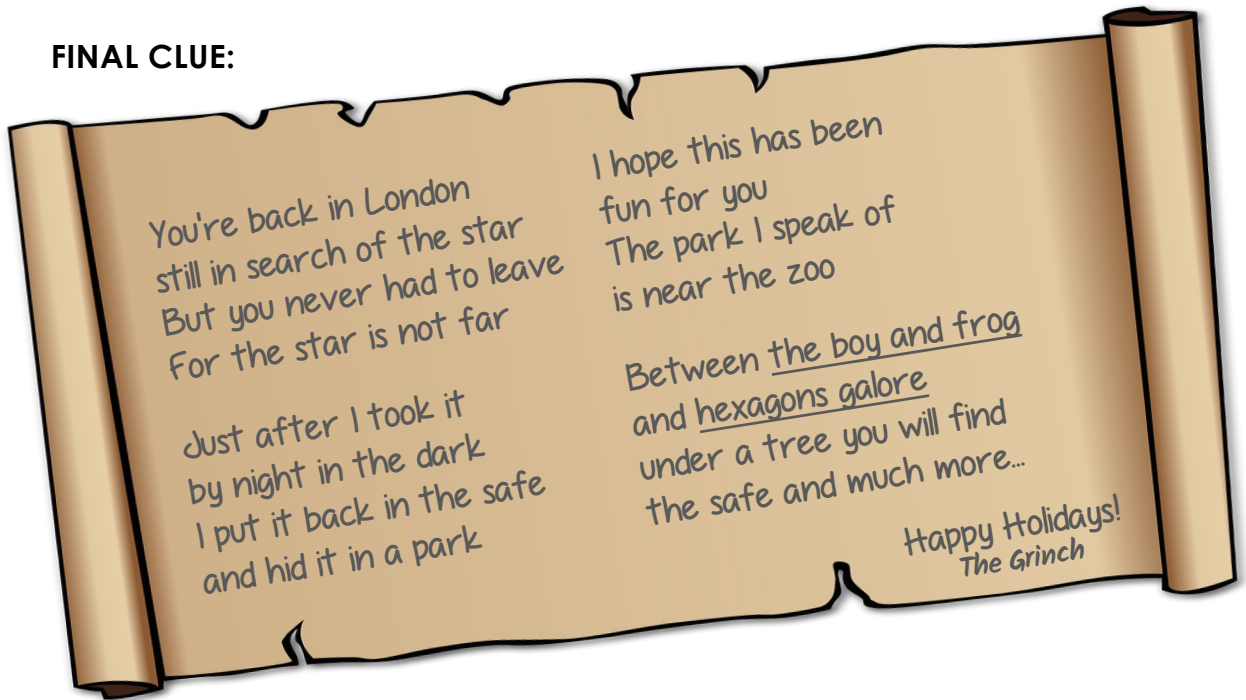
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of river)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of feet)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(island park)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(month)

**SIXTH STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle)      \_\_\_\_\_,  
(number of letters)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of lights)      \_\_\_\_\_  
(country)

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## FINAL CLUE:



**THE LOCATION of the Safe:** The \_\_\_\_\_ 's Park  
(word)

## TO OPEN THE SAFE:

You need the combination (password) to unlock the safe. First, cross out all word clues on the Notetaking Sheet that have fewer than 4 letters or more than 10. Cross out the remaining word clues in the word search below.

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

## NEXT STEP

On another sheet of paper, write the letters not crossed out in the word search, from *top to bottom* and *left to right* until you have a sentence of exactly 12 words. Here is a hint that might help you:

5-3-3-5-4-3-7-4-4-4-4-6

## FINAL STEP

Fill in the password by following the directions you uncovered in the word search. The password is the *first three letters* in the name of the park in which the safe was located, followed by a number: the sum of number clues not crossed out multiplied by 5.

The password is: \_\_\_\_\_