

Not My Best Socks!



I have socks in every color. Socks with spots, socks with frills, and socks with cool stitches. Some even match my best dresses!

I have washed them all and sorted them out, so I am ready for the week.





I keep my socks in
boxes under my bed.

The big box holds
most of them, but my
best pair has its own
small box.

I only wear those
socks on days that
matter.

Oh no! My best pair of socks is missing! I can see the gap in my box where they should be.

I pull on my cap and some socks that do not match. Mom **watches** as I get ready to search the whole house.

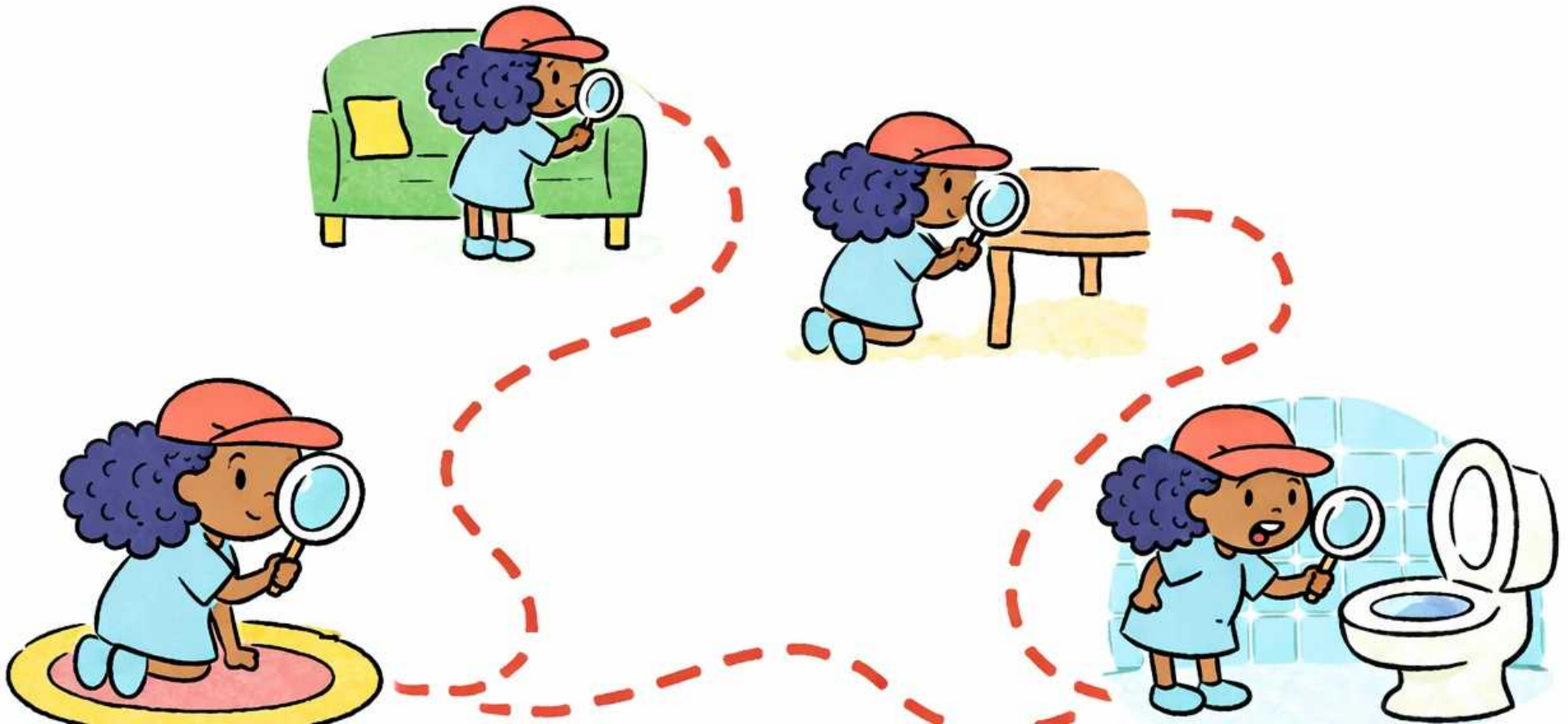


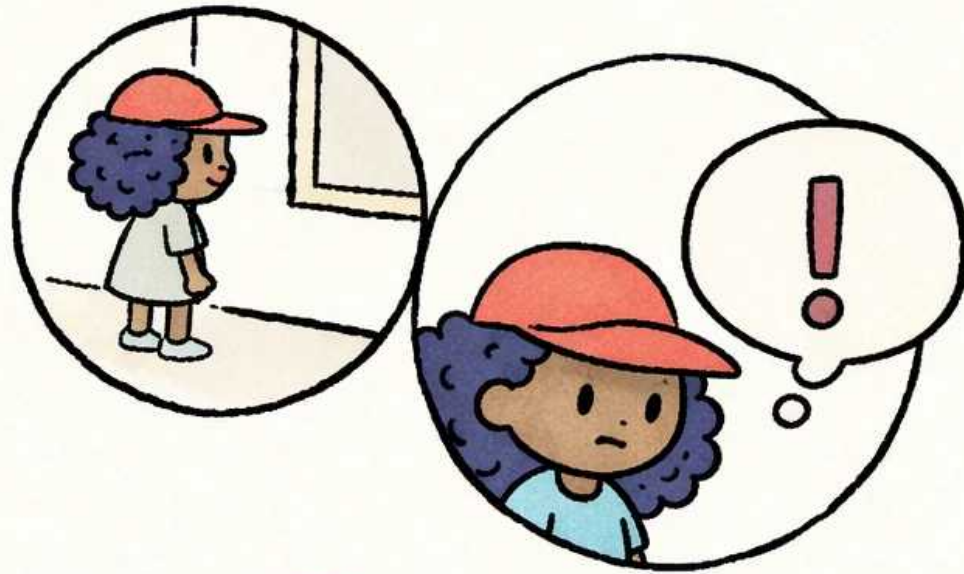


I close my eyes and picture them. My best socks are pink with purple patches. The purple is on the frills, the spots, the toes, and the heels.

Those socks are worth more than all the riches in the world to me!

I grab my big glass. It works better than glasses for finding lost things! I search the couches and look under the table. I even peek inside the toilet!





Those socks are my greatest riches, and I will not give up! Then something catches my eye. A scrap of dotted fabric on the floor!

I hold up my glass. The pattern matches my socks! Has someone cut up my best pair?

I follow the trail to Mom's sewing room. I press against the door and hold my glass up to the small round window.

I can hear her machine humming inside. She often **patches** and **stitches** old **dresses** in here. But what is she making now?





Mom **catches** me peeking at the door and waves me inside with a smile. She tells me my socks had too many holes to wear. But she can see how much I love them!

She is using her **stitches** and **patches** to turn them into a doll. I can picture how cute it will be!

Mom **passes** me the doll. It has curly hair and a little hat, just like me!

The sock's frills make the collar, and the **stitches** are so tiny and neat. Mom **matches** every detail just right!





This is such a cool way to use old socks! I give Mom a big hug and hold up my new doll.

I tell Mom I want to make more dolls in all kinds of pretty **dresses**. This one needs some friends!

I drag Mom all around the house. She **stretches** her arm out as I pull her along!

We hunt for more old socks. We check all the **boxes** and drawers. I bet Dad has lots of worn out ones!





Dad's socks are so big that we can make more than one doll from each! Mom and I sit on the bed, proudly holding our finished dolls.

Bunches of bright socks lie scattered around us, ready to become dolls in cute dresses for all of my friends.



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Alana's best socks have vanished! Not just any socks - her most treasured pair, pink with purple patches and the tiniest stitches in the world. Who would dare sneak into her room and take them? Armed with her trusty looking glass (much more professional than glasses), Alana checks couches, cupboards, and even peeks inside the toilet. Will she crack the case before bedtime? This decodable reader practices es plurals in words like 'boxes,' 'patches,' 'stitches,' and 'matches.'

Reading Skills: <es>

boxes, bunches, catches, couches, dresses, glasses, matches, passes, patches, riches, stitches, stretches, watches

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