C. J. McGuire BOOKS



Your turn, detective.

Choose a safe object with a grown-up. Draw your clue.
What could it be? Tell, draw or write your guesses.

MY CLUE

My first guess:

Another explanation:

A good detective can change their mind.

Free 30-minute introductory workshop
Live on Zoom: the whole book + voices + a turn directing C. J.
Adults: cjmcguirebooks.com/visit
Subject to availability. School/library groups; a teacher or librarian hosts.
(C) 2026 C. J. McGuire. Free classroom, library and home copying.

What do you notice?



Choose a picture or a safe object with a grown-up.
Draw, point or tell. A grown-up can write your words.

I notice…

Something I can see or hear.

I think…

My idea about what it means.

It could also be…

Another idea that might fit.

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free educational copying permitted
cjmcguirebooks.com/for-educators/

A few good noises.



Try a voice. Try it another way. Which one fits?
You can whisper, make a face, point or just listen.

AWOOOOOO!

A pretend howl. Try it curious, then sleepy.

OOOOOOOW!

A pretend “ow.” Imagine a bumped toe - no real bump needed.

Grrrr...

A soft, silly growl. Try it as a tiny, grumpy creature.

Now be the listener

A partner chooses a voice. What did it make you imagine?
Draw it here, or tell your partner.

Grown-up note: Agree on a comfortable volume first. No shouting, sudden scares or touching. Joining in is always optional.

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free educational copying permitted
cjmcguirebooks.com/for-educators/

Keep the detective work going.

A small activity from **My Dad the Werewolf**
by C. J. McGuire · For a child and a grown-up

1. Notice. Pick a safe everyday object or look at a picture together.
2. Guess. Ask: “What do you think it could be - or be for?”
3. Think again. Ask: “What else could it be?”

Draw, point or talk. You do not need the book, a printer or a “right” answer. Keep it playful; a few minutes is plenty.

Free activities for home, classrooms and libraries:
cjmcguirebooks.com/for-educators/
No signup required. Grown-ups manage any website visit.

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free educational copying permitted

Keep the detective work going.

A small activity from **My Dad the Werewolf**
by C. J. McGuire · For a child and a grown-up

1. Notice. Pick a safe everyday object or look at a picture together.
2. Guess. Ask: “What do you think it could be - or be for?”
3. Think again. Ask: “What else could it be?”

Draw, point or talk. You do not need the book, a printer or a “right” answer. Keep it playful; a few minutes is plenty.

Free activities for home, classrooms and libraries:
cjmcguirebooks.com/for-educators/
No signup required. Grown-ups manage any website visit.

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free educational copying permitted

A mystery in three pictures.



Make up a tiny mystery. Draw it in order.
A missing sock? A strange shadow? You choose.

1. FIRST: THE MYSTERY

Show where your mystery begins.

2. NEXT: ONE CLUE

Draw one small detail BIG.

3. THEN: AN IDEA

Draw what you think happened.

Tell your story. Could it have a different ending?

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free educational copying permitted
cjmcguirebooks.com/for-educators/

But what if...?

What if Dad really were a werewolf? Color him your way.
This is an imagined extra, not the story's ending.



Your colors. Your theory. The mug stays.

ONE MORE LITTLE CASE, TOGETHER

With a grown-up, choose a safe everyday object.
What do you notice? What else could it be?

More stories & free activities for grown-ups:

cjmcguirebooks.com

Grown-ups scan

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free educational copying permitted
cjmcguirebooks.com/for-educators/

Words worth trying.

Words from the story, ready for everyday adventures. Pick one or two. Read together, ask questions, then talk, act, draw or make a sentence.

legend

p. 5

An old story passed down over time. It might be true... or not.

Try it: The legend told of a giant who slept under the hill.

Your turn: Imagine the title of a legend about your neighborhood.

peculiar

p. 13

Strange. Odd. Not the way things usually are.

Try it: A purple carrot would be a peculiar bookmark.

Your turn: Invent another peculiar bookmark.

troubling

p. 13

Making you feel worried. Time to investigate!

Try it: The drip from the ceiling was troubling.

Your turn: Who could you tell about a troubling drip?

gnaw

p. 14

To chew again and again. Like Dad with ribs.

Try it: The puppy likes to gnaw on her chew toy.

Your turn: Pretend to gnaw a crunchy carrot. What might a rabbit gnaw?

suspicious

p. 15

Making you think something might be wrong. Hmm...

Try it: I was suspicious when the empty biscuit tin rattled.

Your turn: What else could be making that rattle?

shedding

p. 18

Losing hair or fur. Dogs do it. Dads too?

Try it: Our dog was shedding, so we brushed out the loose fur.

Your turn: What might you notice when a pet is shedding?

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free classroom, library and home copying
cjmcguirebooks.com/my-dad-the-werewolf/#words

Words worth trying.

A good word can make an idea clearer, a story funnier or a question more interesting. Which of these will you try today?

qualified

p. 21

Having the skills or knowledge needed to do something. Plunger training? Check.

Try it: A trained swimming teacher is qualified to teach swimming.

Your turn: What would help someone become qualified for a job?

sacrifices

p. 27

Things you give up for something important. Even chocolate syrup.

Try it: Sharing the last biscuit was one of our picnic sacrifices.

Your turn: What could you give up to help a friend?

protested

p. 27

Said that something was wrong or unfair. “But our ice cream!”

Try it: "But it is my turn!" I protested.

Your turn: Try a pretend protest in a firm, quiet voice.

puzzled

p. 30

Not sure what’s going on.

Try it: I was puzzled when my sock turned up in the toy box.

Your turn: Show a puzzled face. What might puzzle you?

squirming

p. 32

Wiggling and twisting, like something caught in a net.

Try it: The puppy was squirming while I tried to dry her paws.

Your turn: Show squirming with just your fingers.

demanded

p. 33

Asked firmly and expected an answer or action. Right NOW!

Try it: "Who moved my crown?" the pretend queen demanded.

Your turn: Try the line as a question, then as a demand.

© 2026 C. J. McGuire · Free classroom, library and home copying
cjmcguirebooks.com/my-dad-the-werewolf/#words