

**Title:** Solve the Mystery Photo

**Subject:** Science/Language Arts

**Grade Level:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10 – 15 minutes

**Objective:**

Students will use descriptive language and scientific observation to predict the mystery photo.

**Method:**

Individually, in pairs, or in small groups have students look the most recent Mystery Photo. Students can use the written clues as well as scientific observation to guess the Mystery Photo and complete the worksheet, Solve the Mystery Photo.

NOTE: Do not let students Submit their Answer and Unravel the Mystery before finishing the worksheet!

**Common Core State Anchor Standards:**

**Key Ideas and Details**

1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

**Craft and Structure**

5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

## Solve the Mystery Photo!

**Directions:** Look at today's Mystery Photo. Do NOT unravel the Mystery before answering all of the following questions.

1. Is the Mystery Photo a living thing? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Provide three statements why you think it's living or non-living. Use details from the photo and from the clues.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the texture of the Mystery Photo.

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4. What do you think the Mystery Photo is made of?

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5. What is the purpose of the object in the Mystery Photo? If the object is living, describe its habitat.

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6. What clues were helpful in making your educated guess?

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7. Use descriptive language to write a statement about what you see in the Mystery Photo for someone who hasn't seen the photo.

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8. Submit your Answer and Unravel the Mystery. Were you right?

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