

SUMMER ACTIVITY PACK · FREE PRINTABLE

# Write a case. See it in a real book.

Your case could be part of the next *Everyday Case Files* book: At Home.

For kids who notice things others don't - ages 8–12

*Includes a funny case remix, a fill-in story for young detectives.*



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# The Summer Case Challenge

*From The Everyday Case Files*

**Deadline: July 4, 2025**

Some cases happen at home. Some stay in your head.  
But some... get written down.

## THE CHALLENGE



This summer, **write your own case.**

Not a big story.

Just something you noticed.

Something that:

- Didn't make sense
- Felt funny
- Felt unfair
- Or just ... stayed with you

## THE TWIST



**One real kid's case will be included in The Everyday Case Files: At Home**

Not just shared.

In the actual book.

## HOW TO SUBMIT



Ask a grown-up to:

- Send your case to [thekidsbookcases@gmail.com](mailto:thekidsbookcases@gmail.com)
- Or share it and tag [@withinlittleminds](https://www.instagram.com/withinlittleminds) on Instagram
- Full details and submission guidelines:  
[theeverydaycasefiles.com/challenge](http://theeverydaycasefiles.com/challenge)

**Your case could help other kids feel understood.**

*We can't wait to read it!*

# How To Write A Case

*A case is not a story. It's an investigation.  
Here's how feelings detectives do it.*



## 1. NOTICE SOMETHING

Something felt confusing, surprising, unfair, funny, or just ... off.  
Start with what caught your attention.



## 2. COLLECT CLUES

Clues are small.

They can be something you saw, something you heard, something your body felt. Something funny.



## 3. TEST EXPLANATIONS

What could it mean?

- Maybe I misunderstood
- Maybe they meant something else
- Maybe both are true



## 4. WRITE YOUR CONCLUSION

Not: "This is what happened."

But: "This is what I think happened."

### DETECTIVE REMINDER

Some cases are solved. Some are not.

**Both count.**

There are no right or wrong cases.  
You're just investigating.


# Create Your Case — Part 1

*Your turn, detective.*



**Case Title:**

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 **What happened?**

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 **Clues I noticed:**

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 **Possible explanations:**

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 **My conclusion:**

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**Case status (Check one):**

- Solved     Still open     Very confusing

## Part 2: Funny Case Remix

*Make it fun!*

*Fill in the words below — without peeking at the next page.*

1. Object

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2. Person

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3. Object

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4. Action (past tense)

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5. Weirdest question (a full sentence)

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6. Place

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7. Object

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8. Object

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9. Object

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10. Person

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11. Action (-ing)

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12. Place

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13. Object

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14. Place

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15. Action (-ing)

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16. Group of people

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17. Action (-ing)

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18. Ridiculous place

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19. Body part

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20. Action (past tense)

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## Now read your funny case:

I was building my \_\_\_\_\_ (1).

The one \_\_\_\_\_ (2) gave me.

I was missing a \_\_\_\_\_ (3). Just one. The last one.

So I \_\_\_\_\_ (4).

Then someone said, \_\_\_\_\_ (5).

**Warning #1:** I was not in \_\_\_\_\_ (6).

**Warning #2:** No \_\_\_\_\_ (7) anywhere.

I looked around.

A \_\_\_\_\_ (8). A \_\_\_\_\_ (9).

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (11).

Oh!

I was not at \_\_\_\_\_ (12), and that wasn't my \_\_\_\_\_ (13).

I was in my \_\_\_\_\_ (14), \_\_\_\_\_ (15).

In front of \_\_\_\_\_ (16). I had been \_\_\_\_\_ (17).

So I said, "I need to go to \_\_\_\_\_ (18).

### Case Conclusion

My \_\_\_\_\_ (19) left me.

My body \_\_\_\_\_ (20).

LOVED THIS PACK?

# There's a whole book of cases waiting.



## The Everyday Case Files: At School

*Illustrated cases about the small things that don't quite make sense, and the kids learning to investigate them.*

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