

Detective Polly Paddington and her friend, Emily, just landed on the main island of Tahiti. The airport was close and convenient to their hotel. They were so excited to explore the island and enjoy the warm weather in February.

As they check into the hotel, they are handed their room keys and several brochures exhibiting activities available in the hotel, festivals and excursions on the island. They had already planned out most their activities before. But when they arrived to the room, Polly started looking through the brochures they received.

"Emily, listen to this festival located on the island," said Polly, as she started reading the brochure. "Wow, that sounds like fun! We left tomorrow open to explore the area. Why not go to the festival and pick up some souvenirs as well?" asked Emily.

Enjoy the Flower and Handicraft festival this week in the center town of Pape'ete. It opens at the crack of dawn with the fruit and flower stands. Handicraft stalls contain products from the major islands of Tahiti. You will find carved tikis, tifaifai patchwork quilts, jewelry, musical instruments, pareos (sarongs), basketry, and more. If you visit the market first, you can load up on souvenirs to take back home.

After breakfast, the shuttle arrived to take them to town for the festival. Polly and Emily entered the shuttle and sat across from a family of four. She leaned forward and reached her hand to introduce herself.

"Hi, my name is Polly and this is Emily," said Polly.

"Hi, my name is Martha, this is my husband Jacob and our children, Karaton and Michael," replied Martha.

The shuttle stopped at Pape'ete and everyone exited. The driver stated that he would be picking them up 3PM to take them back to the hotel.

After shopping and eating lunch at a local café, everyone gathered in line to wait for the shuttle. The family they had met earlier were standing behind them and Polly noticed the children were fighting over a tiki. As they sat down on the bus, she heard more of the conversation.

"I had that tiki first, Karaton, and only sat it down to count my money. It's not fair that you grabbed it and I had to get the one with the bird feather designs on the top. I wanted plain, original design tiki!" yelled Michael.

"Kids, settle down. It's just a tiki. They look almost the same. Besides, we are going to the pool when we get back, so that will take your mind off this tiki nonsense," commented Martha.

"I am taking my tiki to the pool with me and locking it in the locker so Michael can't take it," said Karaton, hugging the tiki tightly.

Right after that, the shuttle stopped and everyone exited the shuttle.



"Polly, the pool sounds like a great idea don't you think? We can relax after walking around all day and take a little nap in a lounge chair under an umbrella," stated Emily.

"Sounds good to me. Let's go change and head to the pool," replied Polly. Emily and Polly were relaxing by the pool and talking about the souvenirs they purchased when they heard Karaton crying to her mother.

"Mom, I went to my locker to get my tiki and it was gone. The only thing in my locker was this note," said Karaton.

She handed her mom the note and Polly sat up in her chair.

"Well, Emily, it looks like we have another mystery to solve," said Polly, overhearing the conversation.

She got out of her chair and went over to Martha and Karaton.

"Hi, I couldn't help from overhearing that your tiki was taken. I am a detective and would like to help you find it if you are interested," said Polly.

Karaton and her mom nodded yes.

Polly looked at the note and her eyes widened, saying, "Ah-ha! this is a context clue note. That means the clues are hidden within the note."

Polly takes out her notebook and Karaton leans forward to watch her decipher the note.

Polly starts explaining how she figured out the note.

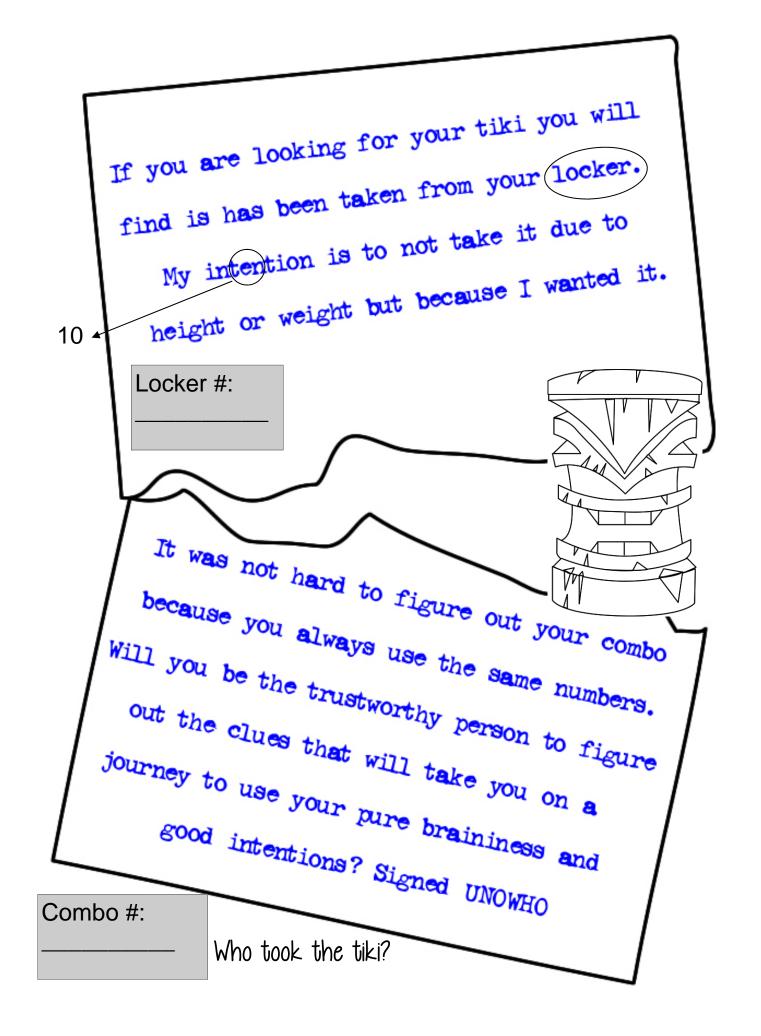
"See here where they wrote 'locker'? That's a hint that this paragraph will show the locker number," she said, pointing to a clue on the paper.

"Looking harder at the words lets us know the first two digits are 10. Look closely here at the word 'INTENSION'," said Polly.

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## IT'S YOUR TURN TO FINISH THE MYSTERY.

View the remainder of the note to find the locker number. The bottom half will hold the combo to the locker.



## SOLUTION TO THE LETTER AND WHO DID IT

