

JB'S BRIGHT BUTTON ADVENTURES

Mia the Picture Detective

LOOK. ASK. CHOOSE.

An independent or read-together story for approximately
ages 7 to 9





A picture worth sharing

Mia finished a purple-and-silver dragon for an online art challenge. She held up the drawing and took a photograph. The dragon looked wonderful, so Mia reached for the share button.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Before posting, ask what the whole picture reveals, not only what the photograph is meant to show.



Look at the whole picture

JB put on his detective hat. Through the magnifying glass they found Mia's school badge, her full name on a certificate, a street sign outside and Leo at the edge of the picture. The photograph was carrying more clues than the dragon.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Background details, reflections, documents, uniforms and location data can reveal identity or routine. Teach the child to perform a slow second look.



Ask and retake

Mia moved the jumper and certificate, closed the curtain and placed the dragon against a plain wall. She asked Leo if he wanted to be in the picture. No thank you, he said, and stepped away. Mia retook the photograph.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Make consent normal. People in a photograph should have a real choice, and children should know they can change their mind.



Choose the audience

Mum checked the clean photograph with Mia. They turned location off and chose the small approved art group. Mia shared the dragon and kind comments arrived. JB declared the case solved, although he kept the hat.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Use the smallest useful audience and review location and metadata settings. Privacy controls reduce exposure but cannot stop another person copying a shared image.

YOUR BRIGHT BUTTON

REMEMBER

Before sharing a picture, look at the whole image, ask anyone shown and choose the smallest suitable audience.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Which clues did JB find in Mia's first photograph?
- Why did Mia ask Leo before taking the new picture?

TRY IT TOGETHER

Take a pretend photo and inspect the background, reflections, people and location settings before deleting it.

PARENT SETUP

- Turn off unnecessary camera location access and review photo metadata settings.
- Use private groups or approved contacts instead of public sharing for younger children.
- Create a family rule that every person shown gets to agree before posting.

GROWN-UP GUIDE

bastionhost.co.uk/security/families/help

Read and discuss with your child. Parent guide reviewed 15 August 2026.

