

The Mystery of the Missing Smoke Alarms



Sparky® took a group of to the museum. Sparky® showed the students the very first smoke alarm ever invented. The museum owner ran up to Sparky. He said,

“Thank goodness you are here. need your help.” Sparky that



the owner was upset. Sparky said, “What is wrong?” The owner said, “We got new



+s for the whole museum. But the



+s are missing! Can you help me

find them?” Sparky frowned. He said, “Smoke alarms are very important. They let us

know there is a so we can get outside safely.” Sparky looked at the .



He said, “Will you help me look for the missing +s ?” The students nodded.



They were happy to help their friend Sparky! Sparky and the students looked all over

the museum. They found one by the 's head. They looked in the balcony



above the and found one inside the solar system model. They even found a



smoke alarm on a boy's wheelchair! The museum owner was happy. He said, “You

found a lot of the +s. But there is still one missing.” Then there was a loud



sound: “Beep! Beep! Beep!” said, “I h+ something.” He climbed up a



tall near the big . He looked inside the 's . Then he



looked on top of the whale. There was the last missing smoke alarm! “I think we have

solved this mystery,” said Sparky. “Now we will all be in case of fire.”



KEY



= Sparky®



= students



= smoke alarm



= I



= saw



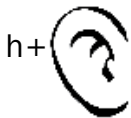
= fire



= elephant



= dinosaur



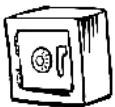
= hear



= pyramid



= whale



= safe



= mouth

Reading Comprehension Questions

DIRECTIONS TO TEACHER: Share the rebus story on the overhead projector or document camera, or give a copy to each child to follow along. You may wish to invite any independent readers to take turns reading it out loud, or read it out loud yourself. Then work with the class to answer the questions.

1. Where did Sparky take the students?

2. What was missing at the museum?

3. What are some places where Sparky found the smoke alarms? _____

4. Why are smoke alarms important?
