

# Kane/Miller Book Publishers



## Jack Russell: Dog Detective Book #1: Dog Den Mystery Book #2: The Phantom Mudder by Darrel & Sally Odgers



From Australia

### About the Series

Jack Russell is the detective with a nose for crime! Follow Jack and his friends as they help him to solve crimes in Doggeroo.

### About the Authors

Darrell and Sally Odgers have been married since the late 1970s. During this time, they have had two children, now grown up, and have shared their lives with a great many animals, including Jack Russell terriers and cockatoos. They live in Tasmania, and between them have written more than 250 published books.

**Pre-reading:**

- Discuss “point of view.” Explain that this story is written from the dog’s point of view.
- Have you heard of a type of dog called a Jack Russell terrier? What have you heard about them?
- What is a detective?
- What is a crime?
- Explain the difference between a fact and an opinion. Give examples.

**As you read:**

- Read and explain all of the words in the glossary.
- What is a nose map?
- After each chapter, discuss the clues students have just read. Write the clues and some conclusions that were made on a large piece of butcher paper. Encourage students to guess the outcome/solve the mystery.

**Post Reading:**

- Have students list the dog breeds mentioned in the story. Add to the list by naming other breeds.
- Brainstorm adjectives that might describe different dogs. How would you describe Jack?

**Activities:**

- Create a storyboard explaining the clues and resolution of these mysteries. Fold a piece of large, white construction paper into six squares. Draw a picture and write a sentence in each square retelling the story.
- Host your own dog show. Have children bring in a stuffed animal or other “dog” to show. Get creative and make separate divisions.

**Related Topics:**

Problem Solving  
Mysteries  
Dogs/Pets  
Crime  
Honesty

## The Name Game

Jack Russell is the best dog detective - now here's a chance for you to do some sleuthing of your own! The following clues all refer to a word or phrase that begins with "**jack**." How good of a detective are you? Fill in the blanks from the clues listed below. We've started the list for you to show you an example.

Clues	Fill in the Word or Phrase
A) A person who can do many different jobs well.	Jack of all trades. _____
B) A hare with long ears and legs.	_____
C) A short coat.	_____
D) A nickname associated with cold winter weather.	_____
E) Halloween decoration.	_____
F) A sharp tool with folding blades.	_____
G) Another word for a reward or prize.	_____
H) The bird that resembles a crow.	_____
I) A machine for breaking up pavement.	_____
J) The seventh President of the U.S.	_____
K) A toy with a clown inside.	_____
L) He could eat no fat.	_____
M) He's little and sat in a corner.	_____

## Dog Detective Word Scramble

In *The Phantom Mudder* (Book #2), Jack's friends get mysteriously "mudded" at the dog show. Below is a list of scrambled dog breeds, many of which are mentioned in the book. Be a word detective, and unscramble the names of these breeds. If you need help, there is a word bank at the bottom.

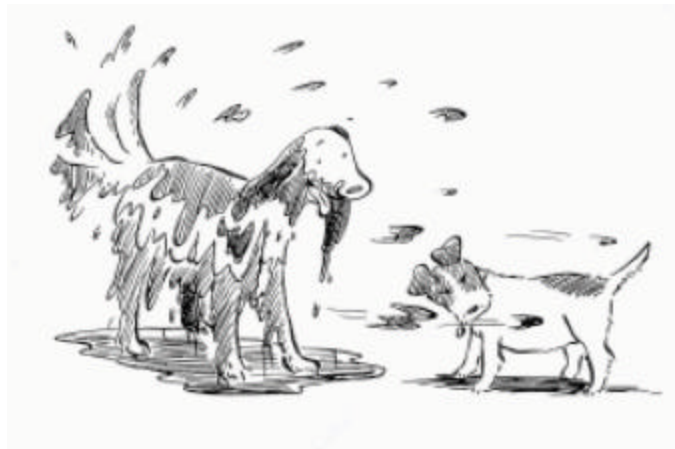
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10. DOPELO \_\_\_\_\_

### WORD BANK:

PUG	DACHSHUND	IRISH SETTER	JACK RUSSELL	POODLE
DALMATIAN	SHIH TZU	COCKER SPANIEL	BEAGLE	SCHNAUZER

NAME GAME ANSWER KEY:

- A) Jack of all trades
- B) Jackrabbit
- C) Jacket
- D) Jack Frost
- E) Jack -o-lantern
- F) Jackknife
- G) Jackpot
- H) Jackdaw
- I) Jackhammer
- J) Jackson
- K) Jack -in-the-Box
- L) Jack Spratt
- M) Jack Horner



WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER KEY:

- 1. COCKER SPANIEL
- 2. BEAGLE
- 3. SCHNAUZER
- 4. PUG
- 5. DALMATIAN
- 6. JACK RUSSELL
- 7. IRISH SETTER
- 8. DACHSHUND
- 9. SHIH TZU
- 10. POODLE