

Junk Drawer Conversations

After the puzzle has been solved, add to the activity with these discussion questions related to the Junk Drawer. They are a great way to spark a reminiscence discussion.

School Teacher Detective

1. Were you a schoolteacher, or did you know someone who was? What would you say about the teaching profession—its challenges and its rewards?
2. One of the perks of being a teacher is having the summer off. In your adult life, did you ever have a summer vacation that lasted the entire summer?
3. What is your idea of the best summer vacation ever? Where would you go and what would you do?
4. Reportedly, some 90 percent of teachers in the U.S. spend their own money on supplies to set up their classrooms each year. Average spending is \$500 due to under-resourced schools. What do you think about this?
5. Many students look forward to buying their school supplies each year. What were the school supplies you most looked forward to buying? Do you remember school shopping trips with your own children?



