



Year 5 Comprehension 2: The Animal Detective



In the quiet town of Willowville, where tall trees lined the streets and the gentle rustle of leaves filled the air, there lived a very special detective. But this detective wasn't like any other detective you've heard of. This detective was a clever cat named Whiskers, and he was known far and wide as the "Animal Detective."

Whiskers had a distinctive white fur patch on his chest that looked like a bowtie. His emerald-green eyes were sharp and observant, and his whiskers twitched with curiosity whenever he sensed a mystery afoot. His home was a cozy little cottage by the river, and his office was a room filled with books on animal behaviour and detective work.

One sunny morning, as Whiskers was sipping his morning tea (yes, cats can enjoy tea too), a squirrel named Sammy burst into his office. Sammy was in a state of panic, with his bushy tail all puffed up.

"Whiskers, you've got to help me!" squeaked Sammy. "Someone stole my prized acorn collection. It took me years to gather them!"

Whiskers set his teacup aside and donned his detective hat, a miniature fedora that perched perfectly atop his head. He followed Sammy to the scene of the crime, the acorn storage shed, where they found scattered acorn shells and pawprints.



Whiskers examined the pawprints carefully. They were unlike any he had seen before. They were big, with sharp claws, and definitely not those of a squirrel. Whiskers knew he had a challenging case on his paws.

Determined to crack the case, Whiskers began to gather clues. He interviewed the other animals in the neighbourhood, from the chatty blue jay to the secretive hedgehog. He even questioned the fish in the river, just in case.

Days turned into weeks as Whiskers tirelessly searched for clues. He followed trails through the forest, examined strange footprints, and even discovered a hidden tunnel leading to a mysterious underground lair. It was there that he finally found the missing acorns, neatly stacked in rows.

Whiskers knew he had to confront the thief. With the help of his animal friends, he devised a plan to catch the culprit red-handed. The next evening, as the moon shone brightly overhead, they set their trap.

As they hid in the shadows, a shadowy figure approached the acorn stash. It was none other than a mischievous raccoon named Rocky. Rocky had taken the acorns, thinking they were treasures for himself.

Whiskers confronted Rocky and kindly explained the importance of returning Sammy's acorns. Rocky felt remorseful and agreed to give them back. Whiskers forgave him, knowing that everyone deserved a second chance.

The next day, Sammy's acorn collection was returned, and peace was restored in Willowville. Whiskers, the animal detective, was hailed as a hero, not only for solving the case but also for teaching everyone the value of forgiveness.

From that day on, Whiskers continued to be the trusted animal detective of Willowville, solving mysteries big and small. And as the sun set over the town, Whiskers sipped his tea once more, knowing that he was not just a clever cat but a friend to all who needed help, with a heart full of compassion and a whisker-twitching sense of adventure.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the name of the clever cat detective in the story?

- a) Fluffy
- b) Whiskers
- c) Mittens
- d) Paws

2. What special feature distinguishes Whiskers from other cats?

- a) His sharp claws
- b) His bushy tail
- c) A white fur patch that looks like a bowtie
- d) His big, emerald-green eyes

3. What is Sammy's profession in the story?

- a) A baker
- b) A gardener
- c) A squirrel
- d) A detective

4. What is Sammy's problem that he seeks Whiskers' help to solve?

- a) Someone stole his prized acorn collection.
- b) His garden was overgrown with weeds.
- c) He lost his favourite nut.
- d) He couldn't find his way home.



5. What does Whiskers wear as his detective accessory?

- a) Sunglasses
- b) A tiny fedora hat
- c) A detective badge
- d) A monocle

6. What do the pawprints near the acorn storage shed reveal?

- a) They are squirrel pawprints.
- b) They are big with sharp claws, not those of a squirrel.
- c) They are tiny and delicate.
- d) They are underwater footprints.

7. What animal is discovered as the thief of Sammy's acorns?

- a) A blue jay
- b) A hedgehog
- c) A raccoon named Rocky
- d) A fish

8. What did Whiskers teach Rocky through this adventure?

- a) To never return what was stolen
- b) The importance of sharing
- c) The value of forgiveness
- d) How to steal more acorns



9. How does the story conclude?

- a) Rocky is arrested and sent to jail.
- b) Sammy forgives Rocky, and the acorns are returned.
- c) Whiskers becomes a famous detective.
- d) Whiskers never solves the case.

10. What does Whiskers sip at the end of the story?

- a) Coffee
- b) Lemonade
- c) Tea
- d) Hot chocolate



Short Answer Questions

1. What kind of animal is Whiskers?

2. How does Whiskers distinguish himself as a detective?

3. What is the initial clue Whiskers finds at the scene of the crime?

4. What sets the pawprints apart from typical squirrel pawprints?



5. What accessory does Whiskers wear when he takes on his detective duties?

6. What do Whiskers and his animal friends discover during their investigation?

7. What kind of animals does Whiskers interview during his investigation?

8. What plan do Whiskers and his friends devise to catch the thief?



9. Who turns out to be the thief in the story?

10. Why did Rocky take Sammy's acorns?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) Whiskers
2. c) A white fur patch that looks like a bowtie
3. c) A squirrel
4. a) Someone stole his prized acorn collection.
5. b) A tiny fedora hat
6. b) They are big with sharp claws, not those of a squirrel.
7. c) A raccoon named Rocky
8. c) The value of forgiveness
9. b) Sammy forgives Rocky, and the acorns are returned.
10. c) Tea

Short Answer Questions

1. Whiskers is a cat.
2. Whiskers is known as the "Animal Detective" for his skill in solving mysteries involving animals.
3. At the scene of the crime, Whiskers finds scattered acorn shells and pawprints.
4. The pawprints are larger, have sharp claws, and are not those of a squirrel.
5. Whiskers wears a miniature fedora as his detective hat.
6. They discover a hidden tunnel leading to a mysterious underground lair where the stolen acorns are found.
7. Whiskers interviews various animals in the neighborhood, including a blue jay and a hedgehog.
8. They set a trap to catch the thief red-handed when they return to the scene of the crime.
9. The thief is a mischievous raccoon named Rocky.
10. Rocky took Sammy's acorns, thinking they were treasures for himself.



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