

A Monster Surprise – Ideas for Learning

English



Want to encourage your child to use more describing words in their writing? This **Describe**

the Monster Worksheet is perfect for the job! Featuring a keyword box to get your child started.

This **Reading Comprehension** activity will help your child to practise their reading skills. Start with the one-star questions and work up to the two or three-star ones if your child is ready.



Check your child's understanding of the main events in the story with this **Sequencing Activity**.

Can they put the events in the correct order?



Set your child a reading challenge! Colour in an animal for each book they read. Once all the animals on the **Reading Log** are coloured, you could decide on a reward for their hard work!



Maths



This **Maths Activity Booklet** will keep children busy trying to solve the mystery of

the missing marigolds! The booklet contains word problems featuring addition, subtraction, repeating patterns, measurement and number bonds to 20. What a fun way to reinforce your child's learning!

The animals in the story follow footprints to the monster's cave. Draw around your child's feet and make some monster footprints! Cut them out and write numbers on the footprints to help your child practise counting in twos.



It's springtime in the wood of Little Nook! Use these **Maths Mosaics** as a fun way to practise children's multiplication skills. When your child has solved all of the multiplications, they'll reveal the hidden pictures!

Extra Activities



Grab a dice and have some fun with this **Roll and Draw Activity!** What monstrous creations can your child make?



Take a break and have a go at making these yummy **Marshmallow Monsters**. The recipe is easy to follow and children will love making and eating these treats!

No Printer? No Problem!

- The story is set in a Scottish woodland. Why not research what you can about Scotland? Your child can make a fact file about what they have learnt. You could also do this for any of the woodland animals in the story!
- Was the monster right to take the animals' food? What could the monster have done instead? Do you think the animals forgave the monster? This story is perfect for talking about borrowing and sharing.
- Throw your own monster tea party! Bring some healthy snacks and treats, put some music on and strike your best monster pose! You could make decorations together, too.
- Take a walk in your local woodland and see what animals and plants you can spot. You could take photos to document your walk or make a journal/scrapbook with drawings.

For more resources linked to 'A Monster Surprise', [click here](#).